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Subject: Change to Ordinance Regarding Pitbulls

Dear Council Members and City Officials,

I am contacting you to express my gratitude and support of the move to change the ordinance pertaining to ownership of pit bull dogs or pit bull mixed breed dogs in Bexley. I was thrilled to learn that such action was being initiated!

In September 2015 a small group of individuals actually met in the community room at City Hall. At that time there did not appear to be support from the City Police department or council members for taking action. Having volunteered for several rescue groups in approximately the past 5 years I have to say I've only encountered or been observant of others encountering positive experiences with the "bully breed" dogs pulled for rescue from FCDS or surrendered to the groups.

However, I feel some of the requirements proposed to be imposed on the owners of a pit bull/mixed dog are a bit stringent...particularly, the requirement to pass a "good citizen" evaluation. I'm not aware of the details contained in the test, but in fairness to "bully breeds" my personal experiences with my own dogs being attacked in Bexley at various times in the past 15 years did not involve a "bully breed" dog.

Therefore, it seems only fair that if a "bully breed" dog is required to pass and/or certain parameters those same requirements should be placed on any dog reported to have attacked another dog or human without provocation. This regulation would obviously necessitate the public making those reports and would thus require adequate publicity to inform the community to indeed make those reports.

In speaking with numerous other dog owners within the City of Bexley there seems to be agreement that it is not the "bully breeds" who necessarily are causing the issues. So I ask you to consider this input as you finalize the changes made to the ordinance.

Again, thanks for moving forward to be in line with the State of Ohio's view of pit bull/mix dogs!

Sincerely,

Bev Sapienza