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To Ashland Board of Health:

I, Richard J. Hoffmann, am the property owner at 36 Lartridge Lane in Ashland. My daughter, Laura Hall, resides in the home with her husband, Robert, and their 3 young children. As the owner, I am officially asking for a waiver for an equine permit (8.1 Property Restrictions). I've asked Robert to write the letter below on my behalf:

We are requesting a waiver for an equine permit (8.1 Property Restrictions).

Our daughter, Olivia has a passion for horses and currently takes lessons at August Farm. Robert grew up on a horse farm, with roughly 14 horses and has years of experience on how to care for horses and ponies. Through Olivia's grandmother, we have an opportunity to house one of her most gentle ponies, temporarily.

Donna Walsh, Ashland Animal Control Officer, has come out to assess our property and deemed it to be appropriate for 1 pony, for roughly 4 months. Robert has built a shed and will complete the stall to house the pony. A paddock will be added to provide a secure outdoor space.

We are aware that odor control is very important, not only for our family but for all of our neighbors as well. We have come up with a plan for odor control and manure removal, which we will adhere to. We have also spoken with our neighbors on Lartridge Lane, and also our neighbors behind us on Newcastle Road, informing them of our plan, and asking for their support. We have signed statements from these neighbors, indicating that they do not have any issues or concerns with the housing of 1 pony on our property.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best Regards,



Richard J. Hoffmann