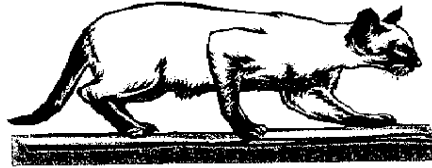


Animal Hospital at the Marketplace

Providing quality veterinary service to meet our client/patient needs



To our respected Wellington Council,

This letter is in regards to our application for conditional use to build a veterinary clinic on Lot 9 of the Binks Commercial Center at 278 Professional Way. The project was approved by the Wellington Planning and Zoning Board on 10/17/16. However before it comes before Council we wanted to clarify one point that was misrepresented at that meeting.

We understand that we are prohibited from boarding patients at the hospital, however there will be patients that will need to be hospitalized overnight for continued levels of medical and surgical care. Examples would be patients that need to be followed up for 24 hours or more after major surgeries such as intestinal, bladder, or orthopedic procedures. Some patients receive intravenous fluid therapy overnight during a hospitalized stay for kidney, pancreatic, or gastrointestinal issues. Some patients need continued level of wound care for certain injuries. There are many examples but the important point here is that these patients are not staying overnight in the hospital for convenience sake or because the owners are going out of town on vacation. They are staying in the hospital for important continued levels of medical care.

As far as how often this occurs is unpredictable. It tends to come in cycles and waves. We may have no patients hospitalized for weeks on end, then we may have 2-4 patients requiring hospitalization at one time. If I had to estimate an average I would say 1-3 patients 1-3 times a month.

Hopefully this provides some clarity in differentiating boarding, which we understand is not permitted due to our lot size within the Village of Wellington, and hospitalization, which is essential for our veterinary clinic to provide proper patient care.

Feel free to contact me if you have any further questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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