



Animal Control

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Gladys Oyola-Lopez

Thursday, June 5, 2025

10:00 AM

City Hall -- Room 205

Call to Order

10:00 AM Meeting called to order on June 5, 2025 at City Hall -- Room 205, 36 Court Street, Springfield, MA.

Approval of Minutes

1. February 13, 2025 Minutes

Dangerous Dog Hearing

2. Dangerous Dog Hearing - Pitbull at 10-12 Sanderson Street



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Hybrid Room 205

Call to Order

10:00 AM Meeting called to order on February 13, 2025 at Hybrid Room 205, City Hall, Springfield, MA.

| Attendee Name | Title | Status | Arrived |
|------------------------|-------------------|---------|---------|
| Melvin A. Edwards | Ward 3 Councilor | Present | |
| Keith Fleming | Police Officer | Present | |
| Camile Nelson Campbell | Deputy City Clerk | Present | |
| Joel Rosemond | Police Officer | Absent | |
| Megan Landry | Board Member | Present | |
| Veronica Johns | Board Member | Present | |

Approval of Minutes

1. December 19, 2024 Minutes

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Read.

Board Member Edwards made a motion to accept the minutes the motion was seconded by Board Member Landry.

Roll call votes on the motion

| | |
|------------------------------|-----------|
| Board member Edwards | Yes |
| Board member Fleming | Yes |
| Board member Johns | Abstained |
| Board member Landry | Yes |
| Board member Nelson Campbell | yes |

Motion passed by roll call votes.

Minutes approved.

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Dangerous Hearing

2. Dangerous Dog Hearing for Two (2) Dogs Named Kuma and Nikita at 85 Narragansett St Owned by Cortney Cheney.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Read.

Renee Robichaud, Animal Control Officer for Thomas J. O'Connor (TJO) and Adoption Center read their reports.

Complainant

Krystin Wanczyk stated it's not the first, second or third time, at least one of the dogs is dangerous to men and they are not safe dogs to be around.

Respondent

Cortney Cheney stated the first incident happened in October, and she felt like it was a disservice to the dogs by not properly introducing them by assuming they are all friendly animals. The dogs are not aggressive. The second incident was preventable, because they were aware not to let the dogs out unattended. She took the dog to the Vets; she feels terrible for what happened. Kuma is signed up behavioralist evaluation for his anxiety.

Tracy Cheney stated the dogs are good dogs and they are not aggressive. Cortney is very responsible from the day Kuma was born; she has done everything possible for Kuma. Krystin should take some of the responsibility for her action.

Rebuttal

Krystin Wanczyk stated most of the days the dogs are alone, and they are high energy. Their dogs have been outside unattended. Her dog was healthy and should still be her with her and there is nothing she can do to bring her dog back.

Cortney Cheney said she goes in and out on her lunch break on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. She has never let her dogs out unattended. It's a very unfortunate situation.

Tracy Cheney said the dogs just not vicious.

Board Member Edwards made a motion to deem the dogs dangerous the motion was seconded by Board Member Fleming.

Roll call votes on the motion

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|----------------------|-----|
| Board member Edwards | Yes |
| Board member Fleming | Yes |
| Board member Johns | No |

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|------------------------------|-----|
| Board member Landry | Yes |
| Board member Nelson Campbell | yes |

Motion passed by roll call votes.

The Advisory and Hearing Committee has imposed the following condition on the animals:

1. That whenever the dog is removed from the premises of the owner, the dog shall be securely and humanely muzzled and restrained with a leash having a minimum tensile strength of 300 pounds and not exceeding three feet in length. As defined in Chapter 110, Section 10-B-3 of the Code of the City of Springfield Ordinance.

Roll call votes on the condition

| | |
|------------------------------|-----|
| Board member Edwards | Yes |
| Board member Fleming | Yes |
| Board member Johns | No |
| Board member Landry | Yes |
| Board member Nelson Campbell | yes |

Condition passed by roll call votes

Non-Compliance Hearing

3. Dangerous Dog Hearing for Dogs Named Charlie, Deja and Brenda at 66 Leyfred Ter Owned by Abdul Kabba.

He has failed to comply with the secure enclosure and has yet to provide proof of liability insurance.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Read.

Complainant

Renee Robichaud, Animal Control Officer for Thomas J. O'Connor (TJO) and Adoption Center read their reports.

Respondent

Abdul Kabba said his dogs are well behaved. He built the dog handle that he was asked to build. TJO O'Connor came and took pictures of the handle, so he's not aware if it's did not meet their expectation. The dogs do not leave his yard, they are surrounded.

Rebuttal

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Officer Robichaud said the most visit on the 10th, it is missing one section of the wire. It is now a physical enclosure of some kind, which is progress. The recent pictures look much better.

Board Member Johns made a motion to imposed the five hundred dollar (500.00) fine for non- compliance the motion was seconded by Board Member Edwards.

Roll call votes on the motion

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|------------------------------|-----|
| Board member Edwards | Yes |
| Board member Fleming | No |
| Board member Johns | Yes |
| Board member Landry | No |
| Board member Nelson Campbell | No |

Motion failed by roll call votes.

Board Member Edwards made a motion that the secured enclosure to be completed by Monday, February 17th, 2025 the motion was seconded by Board Member Johns.

Roll call votes on the motion

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|------------------------------|-----|
| Board member Edwards | Yes |
| Board member Fleming | Yes |
| Board member Johns | yes |
| Board member Landry | Yes |
| Board member Nelson Campbell | Yes |

Motion passed by roll call votes.

The Advisory and Hearing Committee has imposed the following conditions on the animal:

1. That the secured enclosure to be completed by Monday, February 17th, 2025. Thomas J. O'Connor (TJO) will do a follow in the same week to make sure compliance are met. As defined in Chapter 110, Section 10-B-9 of the Code of the City of Springfield Ordinance.

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THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

SENT BY FIRST CLASS AND CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

May 15, 2025

Luther Pettway
 10-12 Sanderson Street
 Springfield, MA 01107

RE: Identification of owner of potentially dangerous dog.

Mr. Pettway:

The Thomas J. O'Conner Animal Control and Adoption Center has received a request for dangerous dog hearings based on a child being bitten by a dog on her way to school from your address. Attached hereto please an Activity Report of the incident. The dog is described as a grey, pit bull type dog, which was observed coming from your property.

If the dog is owned by you please be advised you will be sent notification of a dangerous dog hearing, which is tentatively scheduled for June 5, 2025. If the dog is owned by a tenant of yours, please contact me via telephone or email with their name and contact information so the owner may get proper notification of the above referenced dangerous dog hearing.

Please be advised Massachusetts caselaw has found landlords can be found responsible for the actions of their tenant's dogs. Factors include: whether the dog has dangerous propensities, and whether the landlord had notice that their tenant was keeping a dangerous dog. Please allow this correspondence to serve as notice of a potentially dangerous dogs living at 10-12 Sanderson Street, Springfield, MA 01107.

Thank you for your attention to, and anticipated cooperation on this important matter. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Robert P. Shewchuk, Esq.

Attachments (1)

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Activity Card
A25-084296-1

A25-084296-1 **INV/BITEF** **Priority Level: 4** **Total Animals: 1** **Animal Type: DOG**

Activity Address: 10 SANDERSON ST

Activity Comment: Citizen came to TJO today to fill out DDH after his child was bitten by a dog at this residence on 3/17. ACO's never notified. Attempt to gather information for bite report. UTMC left notice

Owner Information:

P057905 UNKNOWN UNKNOWN
 SPRINGFIELD, MA 01107
 10 SANDERSON ST
 000-0000

Animal Information:

UNKNOWN GRAY U PIT BULL

Officer: P052479 **LAWSON** **Clerk:** 117246

Call Date: 03/31/25 02:50 PM
New Date: 03/31/25 02:50 PM
Dispatch Date:
Working Date: 03/31/25 03:04 PM
Complete Date: 03/31/25 03:08 PM

Results:

1 UTMC
1 NOTIC
1 RPRT

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Brief Description of Incident: ATTACHMENT: YES / NO

Yaelis was walking to school when a grey pitbull type dog from this address ran out of the yard and bit her on the leg resulting in one suture. Post exposure rabies shots were started at the ER
left knee puncture wounds:

RESPONDENT INFORMATION

Do you know the name or address of the owner of the dog(s)? YES / NO

Name: _____
Street Address: 10 Sanderson st Springfield MA
Phone: _____ Phone: _____
Email: _____

DOG INFORMATION

Name: _____ Sex: _____
Breed: pit bull type
Primary Color: gray Secondary Color: _____
Name: _____ Sex: _____
Breed: _____
Primary Color: _____ Secondary Color: _____

STATEMENT

I understand that I will be required to attend the hearing and make my complaint before the Advisory and Hearing Committee. This complaint is made under the penalties of perjury.

[Signature]
Signature of Complainant

3/31/25
Date of Complaint

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Date of Report: 03/31/2025

ANIMAL BITE REPORT

Rabies Control Investigation

Thomas J. O'Connor Animal Control

1. Bite Number:
B25-004063

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| I. ANIMAL/PERSON BITTEN | IDENTIFICATION | 2. Name (Last, First) CANDELARIA, Yaelis | 3. ID # P057906 | 4. Sex | 5. Age | DOB 11/22/20 | 6. Telephone (413) 219-2169 | | |
| | | 7. Address (No. & Street) (City) (State) (Zip) 42 SANDERSON ST SPRINGFIELD, MA 01107 | | | | | | | |
| | | 8. Name of Parent or Guardian (if victim is a minor) CANDELARIA, JOSE (P057907) (NONE) | | | | 9. Address (if different) 70 BURR ST, SPRINGFIELD, MA 01109 | | | |
| | | 10. Source of Information P057907 | | | | Victim Telephone - Other | | | |
| | EXPOSURE | 11. Place of attack 10 SANDERSON ST | | | 12. Time and Date of attack March 17, 2025 12:00 am | | | | |
| | | 13. Circumstances of attack: UNPROVOKED | | | | | | | |
| | | 14. Location and description of wound(s): L KNEE, LVL 3 | | | | | | | |
| | TREATMENT | 15. Was wound treated? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes Date: 3/17 | | | 16. Wound treated by: <input type="checkbox"/> Self <input type="checkbox"/> Parent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Baystate Telephone | | | | |
| | | 17. Details of wound treatment <input type="checkbox"/> Washed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sutured | | | 18. Anti-Rabies Treatment Recommended? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes By Whom? Baystate | | | | |
| | | 19. Anti-Rabies Treatment Given? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes By Whom? Baystate Telephone: | | | | | | | |
| MISC. | Yaelis was walking to school when a grey pitbull type dog from this address ran out of the yard and bit her on the leg resulting in one suture. Post exposure rabies shots were started at the ER. | | | | | | | | |

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| II. ANIMAL/OWNER | IDENTIFICATION | 20. Animal Owner (custodian) UNKNOWN, UNKNOWN | 21. ID # P057905 | Telephone: 000-0000 | | |
| | | 22. Address (No. & Street) (City) (State) (Zip) 10 SANDERSON ST SPRINGFIELD, MA 01107 | | | | |
| | | 23. Type of animal UNKNOWN SEX, DOG | ID # A000000 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Owned <input type="checkbox"/> Stray <input type="checkbox"/> Wild | Est. Age: 20 | |
| | | 24. Description: (Breed, color, etc.) UNKNOWN BROWN PIT BULL Grey | | 25. License NO Tag: Year: Expires: | | |
| | | 26. Behavior <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> Normal <input type="checkbox"/> Abnormal | 27. Prior Bites? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | | | |
| | | 28. Vaccinated against rabies? UNK Vet: | | Vaccination Date | Rabies Tag Number | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Year Vaccine <input type="checkbox"/> 3 Year Vaccine |
| | QUARANTINE | 29. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unable to locate animal <input type="checkbox"/> Confined at TJO <input type="checkbox"/> Animal Confined From Date: 03/17/2025 To Date: 03/27/2025 | | | | |
| | | 30. If at owner's home, have quarantine guidelines been explained? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | | | 31. Date sent to Animal Inspector/Board of Health Emailed 4/1/25 MM | |

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| III. DISPOSITION OF ANIMAL | REVIEW | 31. Cause of Death <input type="checkbox"/> Illness <input type="checkbox"/> Injury <input type="checkbox"/> Euthanasia Date: | | | |
| | | 32. Veterinarian <input type="checkbox"/> Did see animal <input type="checkbox"/> Did not see animal | | 33. Head examination is <input type="checkbox"/> Requested <input type="checkbox"/> Not Warranted | |
| | | 34. Remarks: | | | |
| | LABORATORY | 35. Head sent to Lab: DATE BY TELEPHONE | | | |
| | | 36. Results <input type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE <input type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE <input type="checkbox"/> UNSATISFACTORY | | | |
| 37. Victim notified by: <input type="checkbox"/> Person <input type="checkbox"/> Phone <input type="checkbox"/> Mail Date: By: | | | | | |
| 38. <input type="checkbox"/> Case Closed: Date: By: | | | | | |

39. Officer Completing Form: LAWSON Telephone: 413 7811484

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RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY RECORD CARD

CITY OF SPRINGFIELD

Status: 10 - 12 SANDERSON ST

Map ID: 105500002

Class: 104: Two-Family

Card: 1 of 1

Assessed Owner

PETTWAY LUTHER
10-12 SANDERSON ST
SPRINGFIELD MA 01107

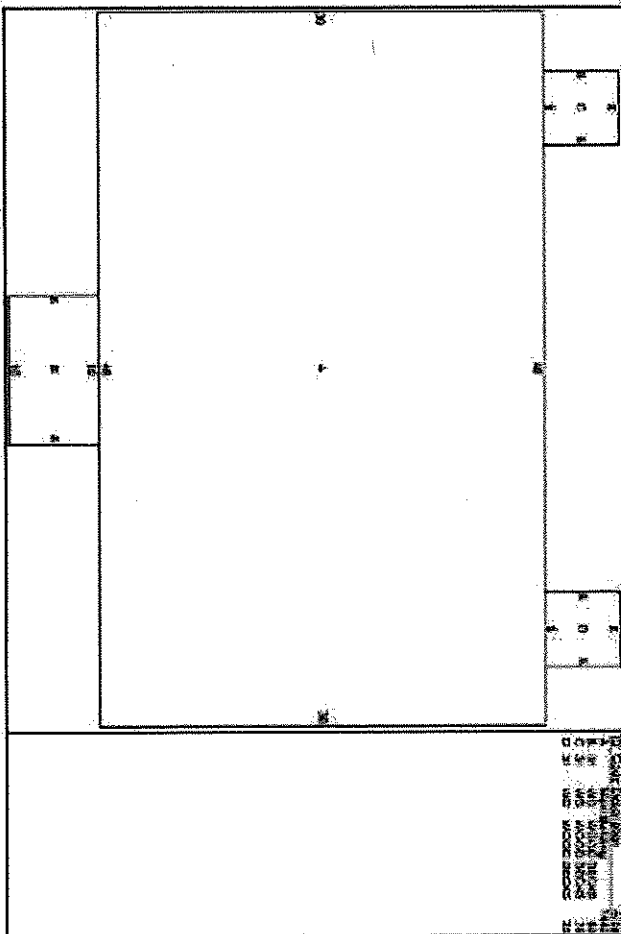
General Information

Living Units: 2
Neighborhood: 109
Alternate:
Zoning: RC
Class: RESIDENTIAL

Photo



Diagram



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