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Michael J. Schiliro, Supervisor Members of the Town Board Town of North Castle Town Hall 15 Bedford Road Armonk, NY 10504

RE: Pleasant Grooming of Armonk, Inc.
Proposed Outdoor Area / Amendment to Zoning Code

Dear Supervisor Schiliro & Members of the Town Board:

We are the attorneys for Pleasant Grooming of Armonk, Inc. This letter is a preliminary petition to amend the Zoning Code to permit Pleasant Grooming to install and operate a small outdoor area at its present location at 1 Labriola Court in Armonk.

Pleasant Grooming has operated its business in Armonk for over 24 years. They moved to their present location after successfully petitioning the Town Board in 2017 for an amendment to the Zoning Code which permitted and set guidelines for Commercial Dog Care Facilities in the RPIP Zoning District. They have invested over \$225,000 in their facility, presently have a 13 person staff and operate in a healthy, safe manner.

Pleasant Grooming currently serves a over 3,020 clients, of which approximately 1,300 live in Armonk/North Castle. Pleasant Grooming serves a vital community service and need, as over 40% of their clients live in Armonk/North Castle.

It has become clear that the continued successful operation of the faculty requires that an outdoor area be constructed to enhance the health and wellbeing of dogs during their visits to Pleasant Grooming. The outdoor area will be supervised by staff at all times and enclosed by attractive, solid fencing. A custom base system will be installed.

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A preliminary plan showing the design and location of the proposed outdoor area is attached. Also attached is a proposed amendment to the Zoning Code to permit Commercial Dog Care Facilities to have outdoor areas.

We look forward to making a short presentation and answering any questions that you may have at your next scheduled meeting so that the matter may be referred to the Planning Board for a report and recommendation.

Very truly yours,

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Adam R. Kaufman, Director of Planning cc:

Tyler Zuckeman, Pleasant Grooming

A LOCAL LAW TO PERMIT OUTDOOR AREAS AT A COMMERCIAL DOG CARE FACILITY

<u>Section 1.</u> Section 355-30(E)(4)(a) of the Zoning Code is hereby amended and a new Section 355-30(E)(4)(j) of the Zoning Code is hereby added as follows *(new provisions to be added are underlined)*:

- (4) Commercial Dog Care Facilities shall be subject to the following standards and conditions:
- (a) Work spaces, runs, pens or other facilities shall be located within a completely enclosed, soundproof building, and such Commercial Dog Care Facility shall be operated in such a manner as to produce no objectionable noise, odors or other nuisances beyond the boundaries of the site on which it is located, <u>provided, however, that outdoor areas may be located, installed and operated as permitted by Section (i) hereof.</u>
- (b) A Commercial Dog Care Facility located in a multi-tenanted building shall have a separate main entrance for drop off and pick up of dogs. To help keep the dogs separate from other tenants and the general public, such separate main entrance shall be located at least 30 feet from any entrance used by other tenants in the building, shall have direct access to the exterior of the building and shall not be located in a hallway or entranceway that is shared with other tenants of the building. In addition to the main entrance, there shall be a side or rear entrance for use by the staff of the Commercial Dog Care Facility to take the dogs outside for exercise or walking.
- (c) All animal fecal material from dogs occupying or being cared for at a Commercial Dog Care Facility shall be removed from the building, grounds and roadways and placed in plastic bags or containers and disposed of properly.
- (d) All Commercial Dog Care Facilities shall be connected to public water and sewer.
- (e) Not more than 20% of the floor area of the Commercial Dog Care Facility may be devoted to the retail display and sale of dog related products.
- (f) No veterinary or medical services or care shall be provided at a Commercial Dog Care Facility.
- (g) All Commercial Dog Care Facilities shall submit documentation to the Building Department of having obtained a Westchester County Department of Health Animal Facilities Permit.
- (h) On-site staff shall be provided during all times that dogs are present at the Commercial Dog Care Facility.
- (i) All Commercial Dog Care Facilities shall provide appropriate access to a safe outdoor dog walking area or areas.

(j) Outdoor areas may be located, installed and operated subject to the following conditions:

- (i) An outdoor area shall be enclosed by a fence made of solid opaque material at least four (4) feet in height.
- (ii) Not more that 10 dogs shall be permitted in any one outdoor area.
- (iii) On-site staff shall be present at an outdoor area at all times that dogs are present in such outdoor area.
- (iv) A building permit shall be required to construct all outdoor areas.

Section 2. Conflicting Standards.

Where the requirements of this Local Law impose a different restriction or requirement than imposed by other sections of the Code of the Town of North Castle, the Town Law of the State of New York or other applicable rules or regulations, the requirements of this Local Law shall prevail.

Section 3. Severability.

The invalidity of any word, section, clause, paragraph, sentence, part or provision of this local law shall not affect the validity of any other part of this local law that can be given effect without such invalid part or parts.

Section 4. Effective Date.

This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and filing with the Secretary of State.

