



MEMO

Date: October 5, 2015
To: Burlington Planning Commission
From: Jesse Bridges, Director
RE: Dottiepants Doggie Daycare

Dear Planning Commission,

As the Director of Burlington Parks, Recreation & Waterfront, I'm supportive of allowing dog daycare services in the Downtown, Downtown Transition, Battery Street Transition, and/or Downtown Waterfront zones. Many of the visitors who utilize the Burlington Boathouse Marina, Campground, or are just passing through have dogs with them. Many of our parks activities are dog friendly but there are certain places and in particular events where the dogs are not appropriate.

In particular, our Waterfront events are a large draw for tourists, but it's problematic when boaters or others opt to bring their dogs to the events, where they can become a nuisance or even liability due to the throngs of people (including children) in attendance and food being served. Having the option of referring boaters and other visitors with dogs to Dottiepants' daycare services would support the success of the Waterfront events—each of which are \$1-4 million economic drivers for Burlington. Dog daycare services conveniently located near the Boathouse and our North Beach Campground would give both boaters and campers more options for enjoying their time in Burlington.

Thank you for considering this zoning amendment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Jesse Bridges'.

Jesse Bridges

Director, Burlington Parks, Recreation & Waterfront