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Honorable City Council Members
Of the City of Mount Vernon
City Hall, Mount Vernon, New York
(Through the Office of the Mayor)

Re: Permission for the Department of Public Works to Renew a Land Lease Agreement with Max Johl of Positive Pup Playgroup

Dear Honorable City Council Members:

The Department of Public Works respectfully requests that the City Council enact legislation allowing the Department of Public Works, City of Mount Vernon, NY and Mr. Max Johl of Positive Pup Playgroup to enter into another land lease agreement for the external area of the Animal Shelter located at 600 Garden Avenue Mount Vernon, NY 10550.

The purpose of this lease is to provide an operational space for Positive Pup Playgroups. The space will be used for dogs to play, socialize and receive light training. This space will be used for no other purposes than for those intended in the contract. The terms of this agreement will be three (3) years beginning May 15, 2026, and end on May 14, 2029. Rent will be paid at a rate of \$1200.00 in monthly installments due on the first day of each month during the term.

Enacting this legislation allows for the Department of Public Works to repurpose city owned property that will be maintained according to the agreement with Positive Pup Playgroup. In addition to property maintenance, this agreement will be a revenue generator for the City of Mount Vernon.

The revenue code for this land lease agreement will be A2410- Rental of Real Property.

Thank you for considering our request. Kindly have the necessary legislation enacted upon your acceptance and acquiescence of this agreement renewal.

Respectfully,

Dwayne A. Jones
Commissioner of Public Works

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Cc: Office of the Mayor, Office of the Comptroller, Law Department