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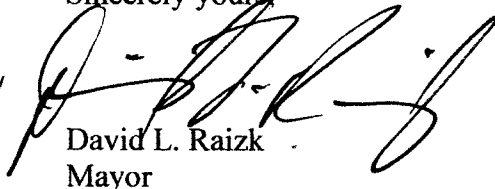
Re: City of Wilmington Exotic & Wild Animal Ordinance
Codified Ordinance No. 4883, Passed Nov. 5, 2009

Dear Officer Harrison,

On behalf of the City of Wilmington, and especially our first responders, I want to express my appreciation to you for helping to educate our staff and City Council as to the serious safety issues posed by the presence of certain types of wild and/or exotic animals in our city, particularly non-native venomous or dangerous snakes, lizards and other reptiles, primates and large mammals. As you know, we have had some isolated incidents involving our public safety personnel encountering such animals. A small rural city like ours is not prepared and cannot afford to equip and train our first responders to deal adequately with these types of animals on a regular basis. We are grateful for your willingness to assist us when you are available if we do encounter such animals.

The ordinance that the City Council passed on Nov. 5, 2009, will make our city a much safer place to live and will increase the safety of our first responders. We are pleased to be one of the first cities in the state to take this important step. Thank you for your continued efforts to educate Ohioans on this important public safety issue.

Sincerely yours,



David L. Raizk
Mayor

cc: Nick Babb, Safety Director, City of Wilmington
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