



CITY OF  
*Lethbridge*

Office of the City Clerk

March 7, 2022

**RE: NOTICE OF HEARING - SUBDIVISION AND DEVELOPMENT APPEAL BOARD**

An appeal has been filed against the Stop Order issued by the Development Officer on February 17, 2022 for operating an animal rescue without the requisite Development Permit or rezoning at 3321 6 Avenue South.

When an appeal is filed with the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board (SDAB), all persons who own property within 200 feet or 60 meters of the development are notified of the hearing by way of this letter. In addition, the owner of the property will also receive a copy of this letter.

The Subdivision and Development Appeal Board (SDAB) will hold a Public Hearing as follows:

<b>DATE:</b>	<b>Thursday, March 31, 2022</b>
<b>TIME:</b>	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>
<b>LOCATION:</b>	<b>Council Chambers, Main Floor, City Hall 910 – 4 Avenue South</b>

Persons affected by this development have the right to present a written, verbal and/or visual submission to the Board. When making a presentation, keep in mind that in accordance with the legislation that governs the SDAB, the Board can only consider relevant planning matters when rendering its decision. It is recommended that you limit your presentation to five minutes.

If you wish to submit written material to the Board, it should be delivered to the Secretary of the SDAB via email at [david.sarsfield@lethbridge.ca](mailto:david.sarsfield@lethbridge.ca), **including your full name and mailing address** no later than 12:00 noon on the Friday prior to the hearing. If you are unable to meet this submission deadline, please bring 12 copies of the materials to the Hearing and it will be distributed at the start of the Hearing. Any written and/or visual material received will be made available to the public.

The City is following the recommendations from the Province of Alberta and the City of Lethbridge with regards to social distancing.

We will be pleased to answer any questions you may have regarding the appeal and can also provide information or advice on Board procedures and how to make presentations to the Board. Please feel free to contact me at 403 329 7329 if you have any questions.

Yours truly,

David Sarsfield  
Board Secretary,  
Subdivision and Development Appeal Board



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**NOTICE OF APPEAL**  
Subdivision & Development Appeal Board

In accordance with sections 678 and 686 of the *Municipal Government Act* and The City of Lethbridge Bylaw 4749, an appeal to the Subdivision and Development Board must be filed within the legislated time frame.

<b>Site Information</b>		(Date Received Stamp)
Municipal Address of Appeal <b>3321 6th Aves</b>		
Legal Description of Site (must be completed for subdivision appeals)		
Development Application Number or Subdivision Application Number		
<b>Appellant Information</b>		
Name <b>Last Chance Cat Ranch</b>		
Mailing Address <b>Box 30025 Park Place.</b>		
City <b>Lethbridge</b>	Province <b>AB</b>	Postal Code <b>T1J 4X3</b>
Residence #	Business #	Email

**APPEAL AGAINST** (Check One Box Only) for multiple appeals you must submit another Notice of Appeal

<b>Development Permit</b>	<b>Subdivision Permit</b>	<b>Notice of Order</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Approval <input type="checkbox"/> Conditions of Approval <input type="checkbox"/> Refusal	<input type="checkbox"/> Approval <input type="checkbox"/> Conditions of Approval <input type="checkbox"/> Refusal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of Order

**REASONS FOR APPEAL** Sections 678 and 686 of the *Municipal Government Act* require that the written Notice of Appeal must contain specific reasons for the appeal.

The grounds for this appeal are as follows:

**#file DEN00633 - email thecor@gmail.com.**

**Additional Order to : Limit the number of volunteers to 2 per day.**

**We cannot attend to the needs of the cats with 2 PER DAY! We currently have 4-6 per day + that is even difficult. Duties include cleaning, feeding, giving meds, scooping litters etc. Some cats are in a very tough way when they come into care requiring meds 3 times a day + small feedings 4 times per day. Plus cats needing to go to the vet is a constant. This is an impossible order and quite frankly actually incites animal abuse as we cannot adequately tend to their needs.**

(Attach a separate page if required)

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Signature of Appellant <b>Laurie Olmsted</b>		Date YYYY MM DD <b>2022 02 23</b>
<b>FOR OFFICE USE ONLY</b>		
Final Date of Appeal YYYY MM DD	Appeal Number	Hearing Date YYYY MM DD
		Date Appellant Notified YYYY MM DD

Laurie Olmsted 403-331-9055

## **STOP ORDER**

Our File: DEN00633

Date: March 4, 2022

**REGISTERED MAIL**

The Last Chance Cat Ranch Society  
PO Box 30025 Park Place  
Lethbridge, AB T1J 4X3

**RE: Contravention of Section 12 of Land Use Bylaw 6300**

**Subject: Animal Care Major Located at 3321 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, Lethbridge, AB**

We have reason to believe you and/or The Last Chance Cat Ranch Rescue ("LCCR"), is operating an animal rescue, which falls within the land use of Animal Care Major at the above-noted address (the "Premises") without the requisite Development Permit or rezoning.

We also have reason to believe that volunteers are attending at the Premises to engage in services for LCCR and an offensive odour is present at the above-noted address and that current use and odour is having an offensive impact on neighbouring properties.

Therefore, the use of this building is deemed to be in contravention of:

Section 12	Except as provided in Section 13, a person may not commence any Development unless the person has been issued a Development Permit in respect of it pursuant to this Land Use Bylaw.
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Further, Section 645 of the Municipal Government Act and Section 40(1) of the City of Lethbridge Land Use Bylaw 6300 allows a Development Officer to issue a Stop Order where a development or use of land or buildings does not comply with the Municipal Government Act, the Land Use Bylaw, or a development permit or subdivision approval.

**Accordingly, The Last Chance Cat Ranch Society is hereby Ordered to:**

- 1. Immediately upon being served with this Order:**
  - a. Limit the number of volunteers attending at the Premises to no more than 2 per day;**
  - b. Limit the delivery of food to no more than once per 7 days; and**
  
- 2. Within 30 days of being served with this Order:**
  - a. Cease all emissions of offensive odours entering neighbouring properties, or within 20 days of being served with this Order, provide a plan, acceptable to the Development Officer for addressing offensive odours;**
  - b. Remove all advertisements and references to Premises from the LCCR website and social media platforms;**
  
- 3. Within 365 days of being served with this Order:**
  - a. Cease the use of the Premises as Animal Care Major, or bring the use into compliance by applying for a rezoning and applicable Development Permit.**

We are hereby providing notice pursuant to Section 542 of the Municipal Government Act, that a site inspection will be requested by a Development Officer, on or around (30 Days) to assess compliance with #1 and #2 of this Order. Additional inspections may be required to ensure ongoing compliance with this Order, and the City will provide notice of when such inspections may be required.

**Failure to comply with this Order may result in a caveat being registered against the property, in addition to other remedies available to the Development Authority, including injunctive relief from the Courts, or other remedies available under applicable legislation.**

**Additionally, failing to comply with this Order may also result in an offence ticket, pursuant to Bylaw 6300, and the Provincial Offences Procedure Act of Alberta, which may result in a fine of up to \$10,000.00.**

You have the right to appeal this Order to the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board within 21 days from the date of this Order.

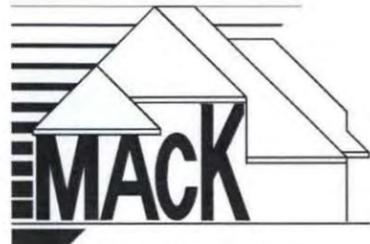
Sincerely,



Angela Olsen  
Development Manager

cc: Secretary – Subdivision and Development Appeal Board  
Director, Infrastructure of Infrastructure Services  
General Manager – Planning and Design  
Manager – Building Inspection  
City Solicitor

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DWG. Reference #: 1-34-14-B

DWG. Status: WORKING DRAWING - 11x17 PAPER

Client: HOWARD BROWN  
CONSTRUCTION

Project Address: 3321 6 AVE. S.  
LETHBRIDGE, AB.

Project Description: ONE STOREY  
SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING

Major Occupancy Classification: GROUP C - RESIDENTIAL OCCUPANCIES

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DATE	REVISIONS / NOTES
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DWG. Status Log:	OCT. 1, 2014	Issued for Construction

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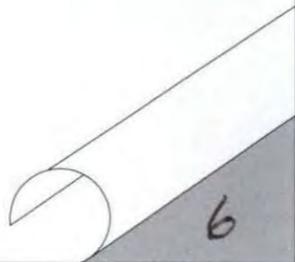
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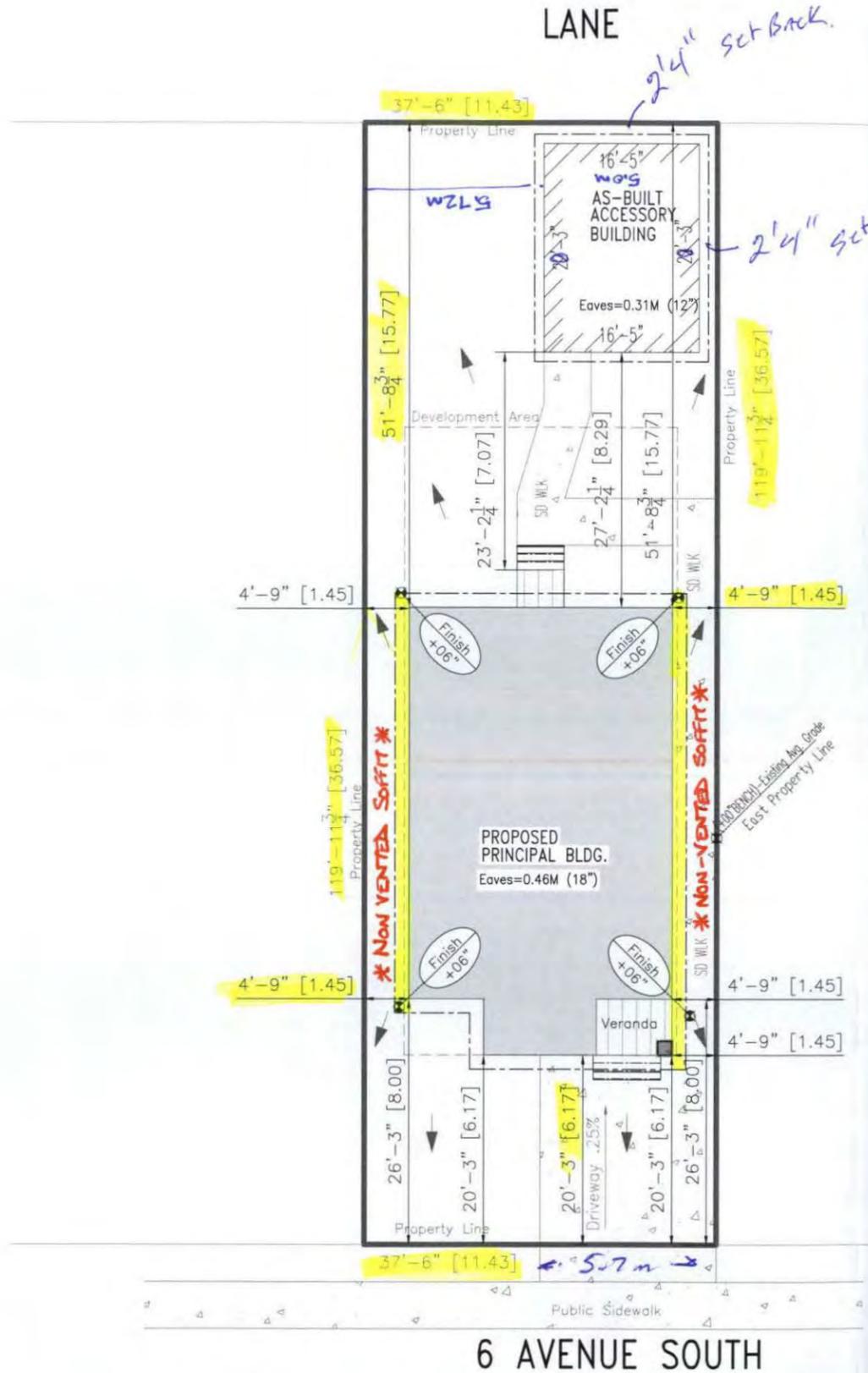
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DEVELOPMENT SERVICES  
CITY OF LETHBRIDGE



**CITY OF Lethbridge**  
**APPROVED AS PER**  
**LAND USE BYLAW 5700**  
OCT 17 2014  
SIGNATURE: *[Signature]*

*Approved as a single detached dwelling with only one cooking and laundry facility permitted*

**CITY OF Lethbridge EXAMINED**  
DISCIPLINE: BUILDING  
SAFETY CODES OFFICER: DARRIN HARSCH  
CERTIFICATION NUMBER: S114787  
SIGNATURE: *[Signature]*

**PROPERTY DESCRIPTION**  
Lot: 30 & E. HALF OF LOT 31  
Block: 22  
Plan: 3529 A.A.  
Address: 3321 6 AVE. S.  
Municipality: LETHBRIDGE, AB.  
Zone: R-L LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL LANDUSE BYLAW 5700  
Arch Control: IN FILL

**PRINCIPAL COVERAGE**  
Lot Area: 417.8 M<sup>2</sup>/4,497 FT<sup>2</sup>  
Principal Building: 1,248 FT<sup>2</sup>  
Attached Garage: -  
Veranda: 48 FT<sup>2</sup>  
Covered Deck: -  
Total Coverage: 1,296 FT<sup>2</sup> % of Coverage: 28.8%

**ACCESSORY COVERAGE**  
Total Coverage: 366 ft<sup>2</sup> % of Coverage: 8%

**FOOTING NOTES**  
• Elevations are Referenced with Dateline  
• All Footings are Referenced to the U/S of Footing  
• See Page 11 for Footing Specifications

House Footing:  $\text{Fig. 1} \ominus = -42"$

**TOP OF FLOOR**

	Floor Description
Main T/S Mgn Floor +36.75	T/S Upper Flr. 000.00 (+00") (Architectural Floor Reference) Geodetic Floor Elevation

**FINISH GRADE MARK**  
Geodetic Metric Elevation Finish Grade: 000.00 (+00")  
Architectural Finish Grade in Inches Referenced From Benchmark Specified

**LEGEND**

	Property Line		Driveway Location
	Development Area		Street Light
	Building Outline		Hydrant
	Roof Overhang		Transformer
	Concrete Sidewalk or Driveway		Telus
	U.R./W		
	Fence Line		

**GRADE NOTES**

- The Information Contained within this Siteplan is Based on Construction Design Information. All Lot Grading and Sanitary Sewer Inverts Should be Field Confirmed Prior to Any on Site Development.
- 10% Slope for the First 2.0M (6'6") Away from Foundation
- 2% Slope on Remainder of Lot to Property Line
- Driveways Min. 4% Slope, Max. 7.5% Slope
- Walkways Min. 2% Slope, Max. 10% Slope
- Roof Drainage Should Discharge on a Approved Splash Pad Set @ Min.10% Slope, 2.0M Away

OCT. 1, 2014  
**SKETCH SHOWING IMPROVEMENTS TO PROPERTY**  
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NOTE! Unless Otherwise Specified:  
Dimensions Shown on This Sketch are From Foundation to Property Line  
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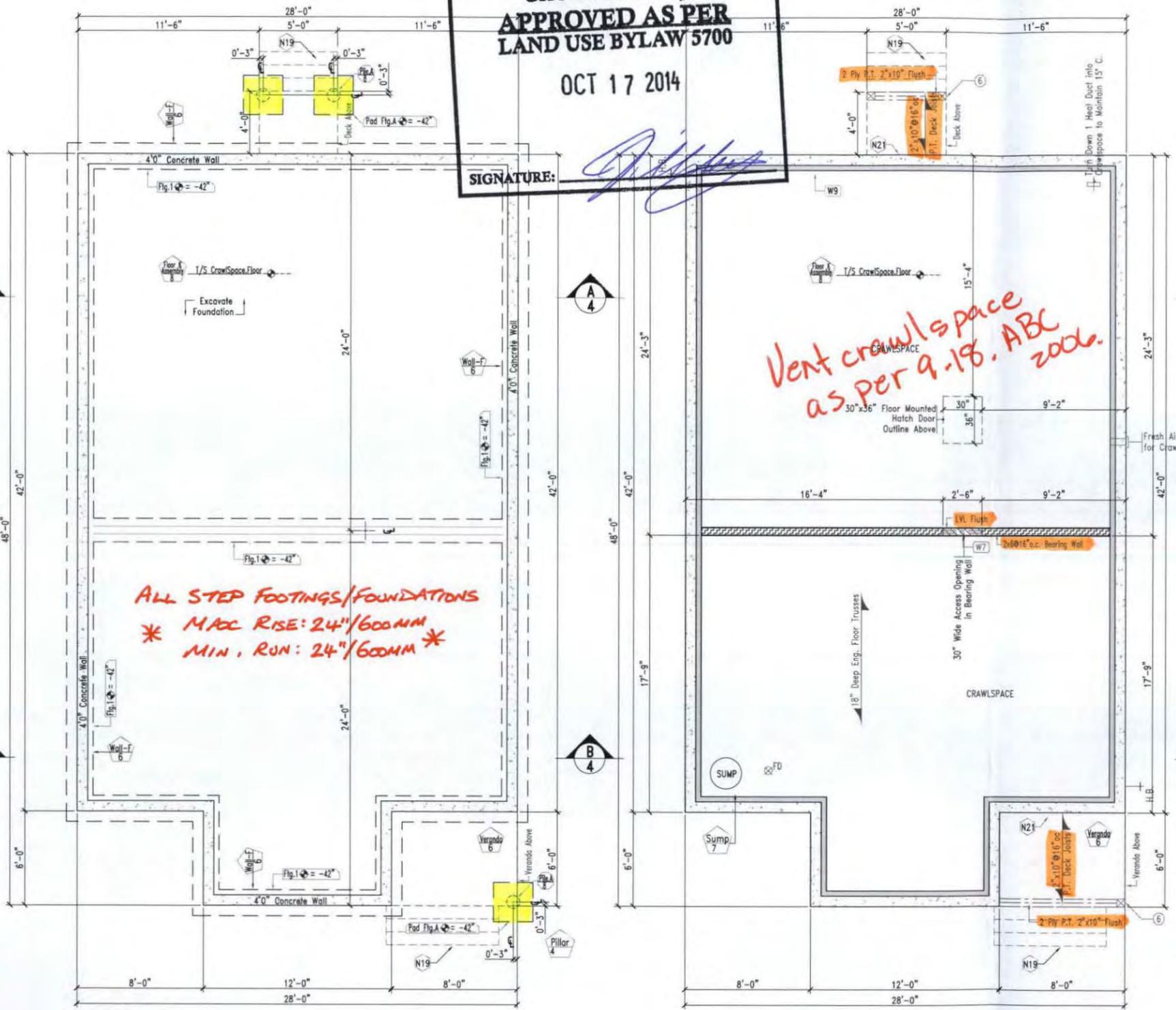
**BENCHMARK**  
Suggested Benchmark Shown is The Existing Average Grade on East Property Line  
All Architectural Vertical Dimensions Shown in this Drawing are Referenced From This Benchmark.  
**FINISH GRADE**  
Finish Grade to Slope Minimum 10% for the First 2.0M Away from the Building. Then Provide 2% Slope Remainder

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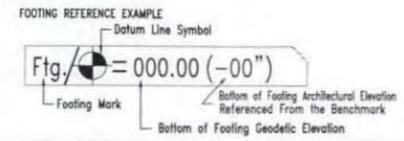
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 as per 9.18. ABC  
 2006.*

*ALL STEP FOOTINGS/FOUNDATIONS  
 \* MAX RISE: 24"/600MM  
 MIN. RUN: 24"/600MM \**



**FOUNDATION PLAN**

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 Model: GINN  
 Address: 3321 6 AVE. S.  
 Date: OCT. 1, 2014  
 Scale: 1/8" = 1'0"  
 FOUNDATION WALLS are dimensioned to Outside Frame Perimeter  
 INTERIOR BEARING WALL FOOTINGS are dimensioned to Centre Line  
 ALL PAD FOOTINGS AND PILES are dimensioned to Centre Line  
 Window Bucks & Headers to be Verified on Lower Level Development Plan  
 Beam Pockets to be Verified on Lower Level Development Plan  
 FOOTINGS are Referenced to Bottom of footing, Add 0.2W (8") to Calculate Top of Footing



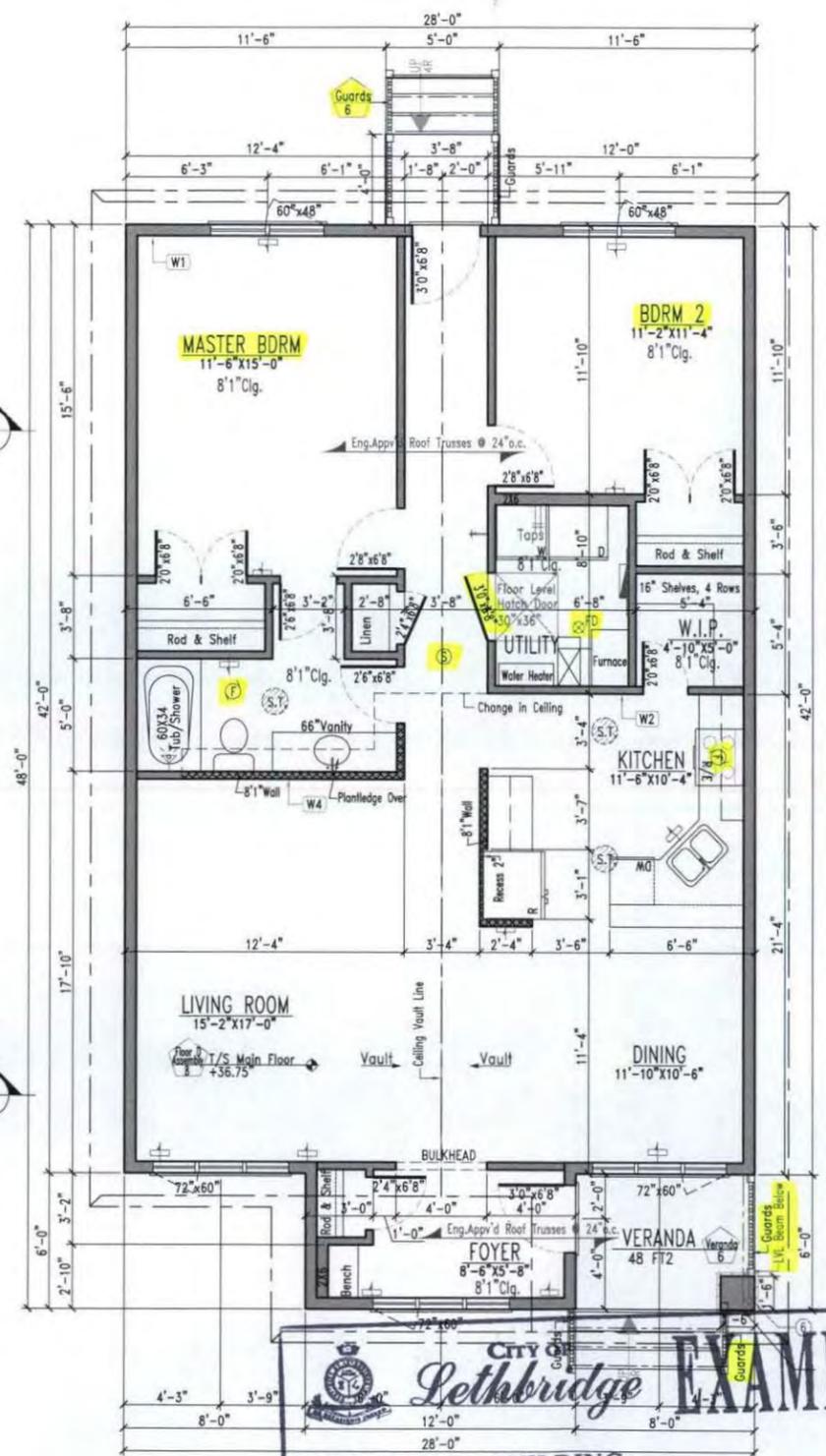
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**GENERAL NOTES**

LINE TYPES	— Floor Outline
	- - - Ceiling Line
	— Roof Line

TYPICAL DRAWING SYMBOLS	See Symbol 8
WINDOW & DOOR HEADERS	2x10 Below Header 6 Unless Otherwise Specified
SUPPLEMENTAL EXHAUST	Vent to Out Side
SMOKE DETECTOR	Wired In & Have Battery Back Up c/w Carbon Monoxide Detection
STAIR & GUARD DETAIL	See Page 11
CABINETS	Refer to Cabinet Supplier for Final Drawings of Cabinets and Appliance Locations.
TRUSSES AND STRUCTURAL	See Engineered Truss Plans for Floor & Roof Design



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**MAIN LEVEL FLOOR PLAN 1,248 FT<sup>2</sup>**  
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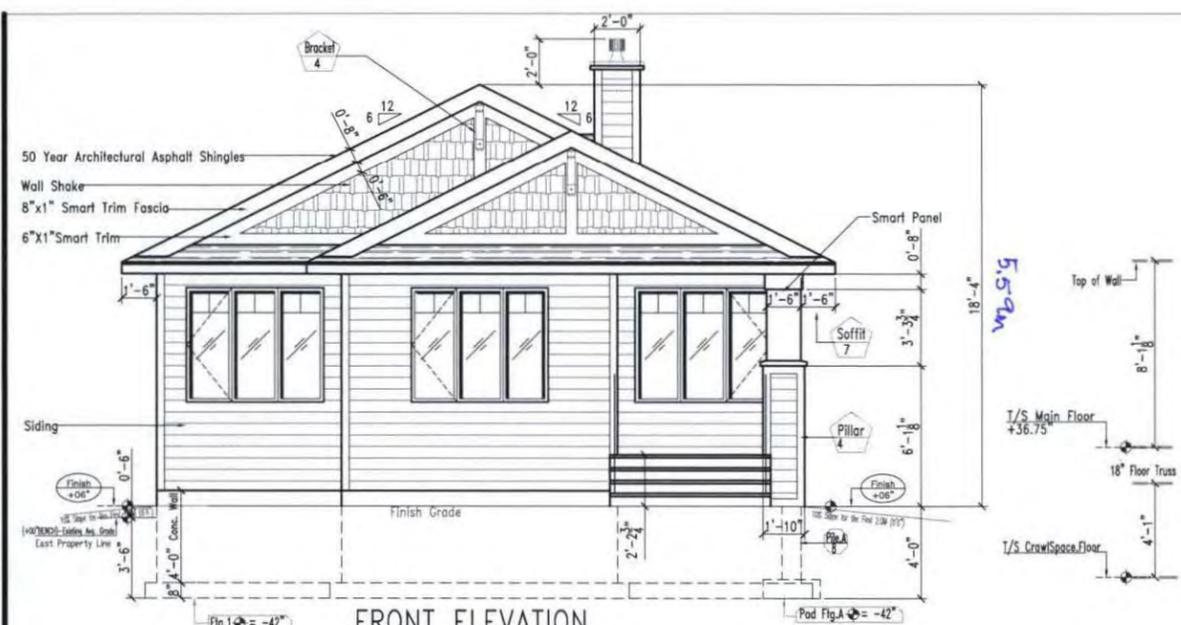
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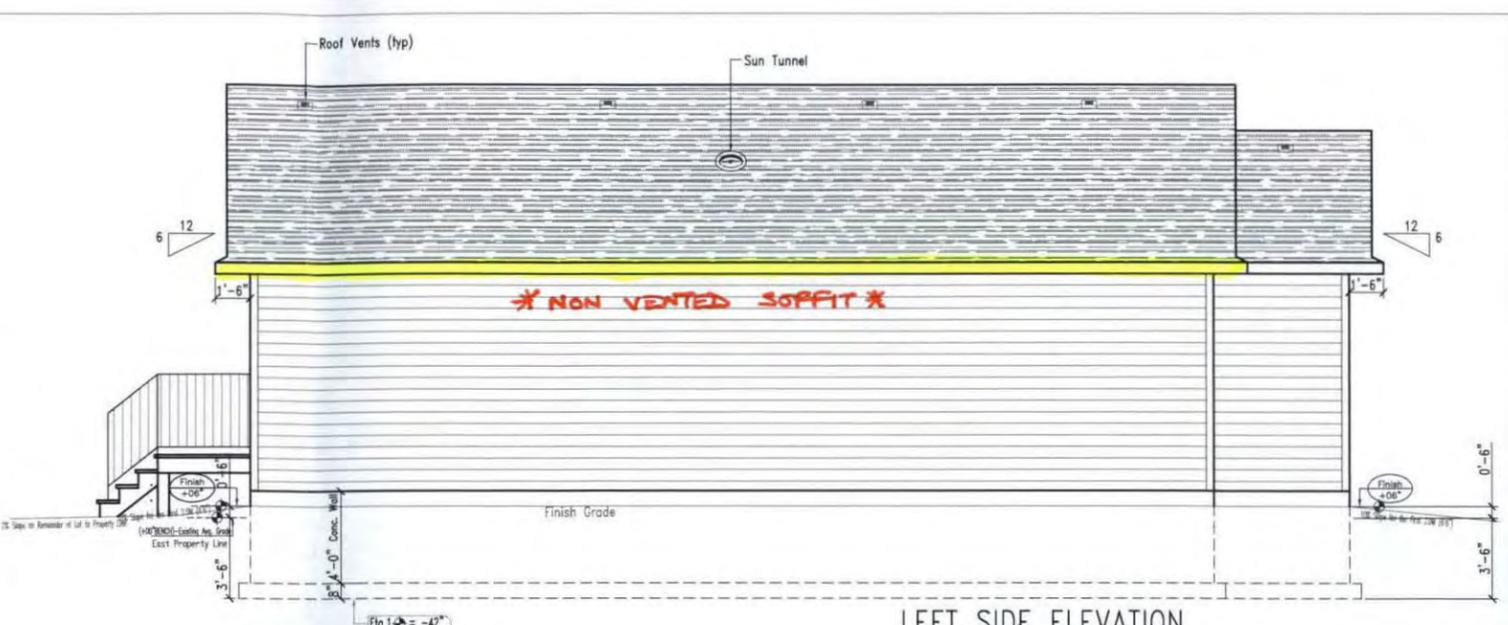
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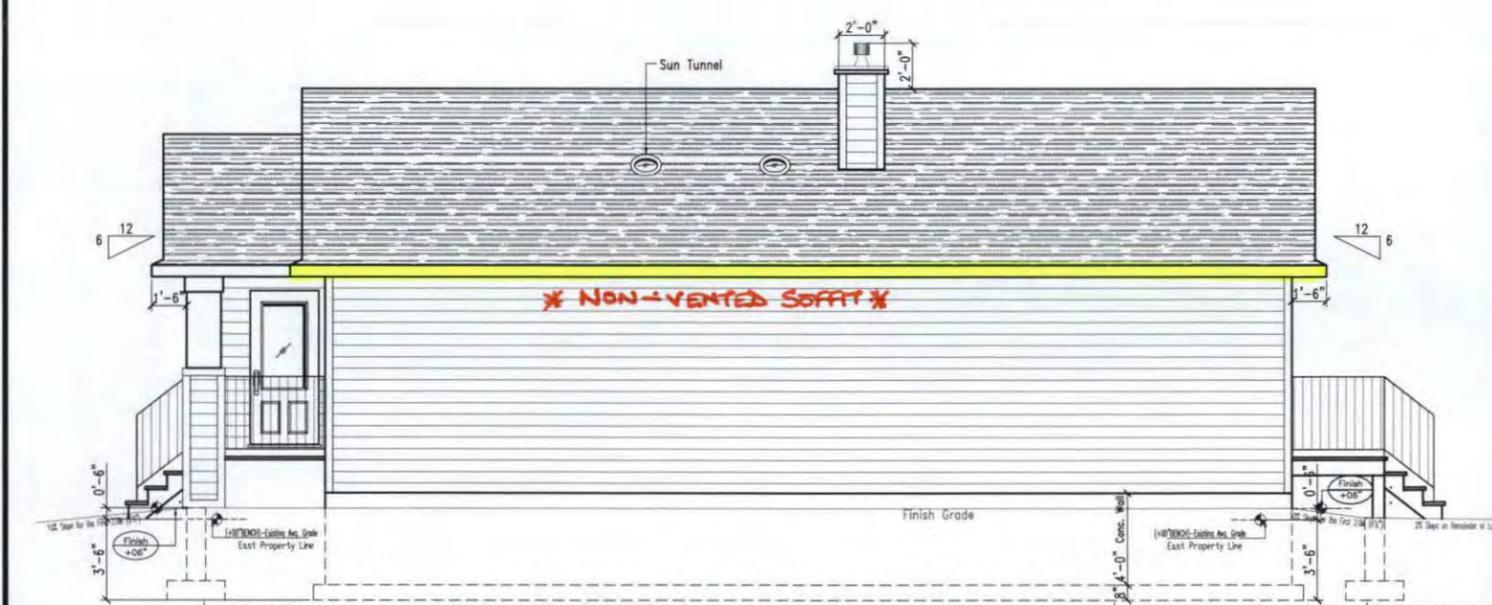
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**LEFT SIDE ELEVATION**

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**RIGHT SIDE ELEVATION**

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**REAR ELEVATION**

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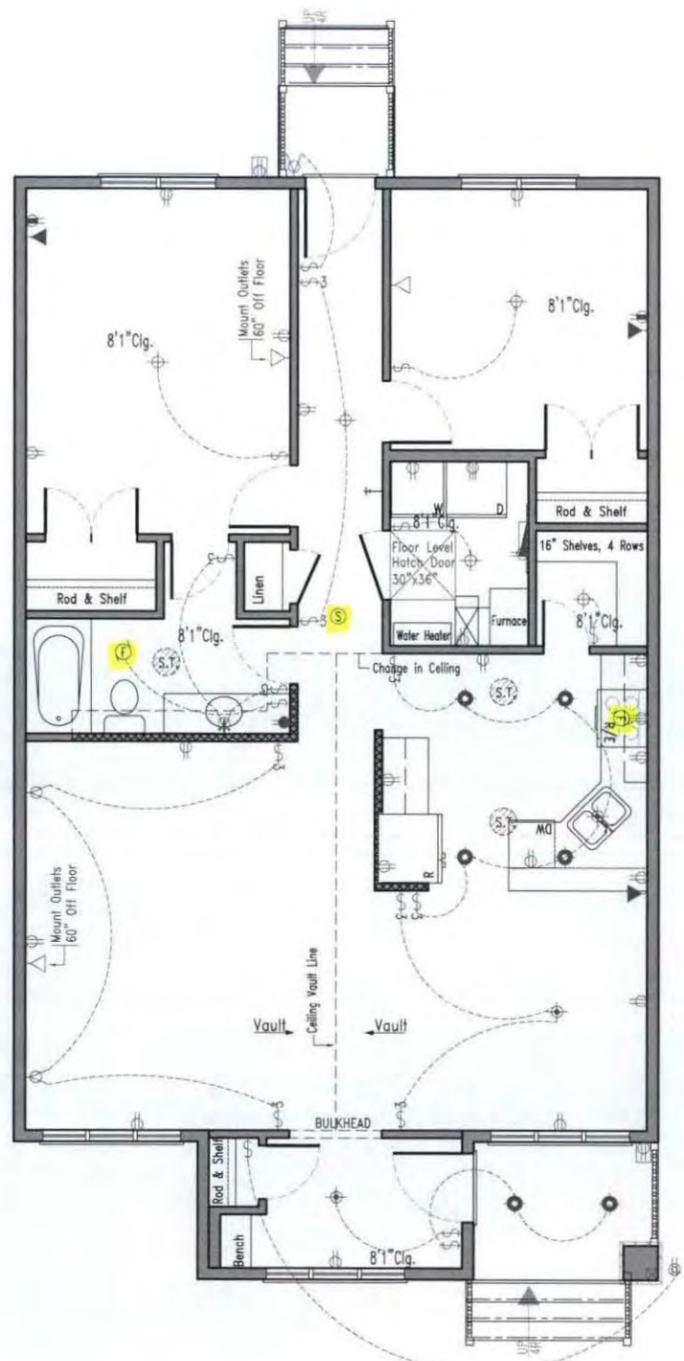
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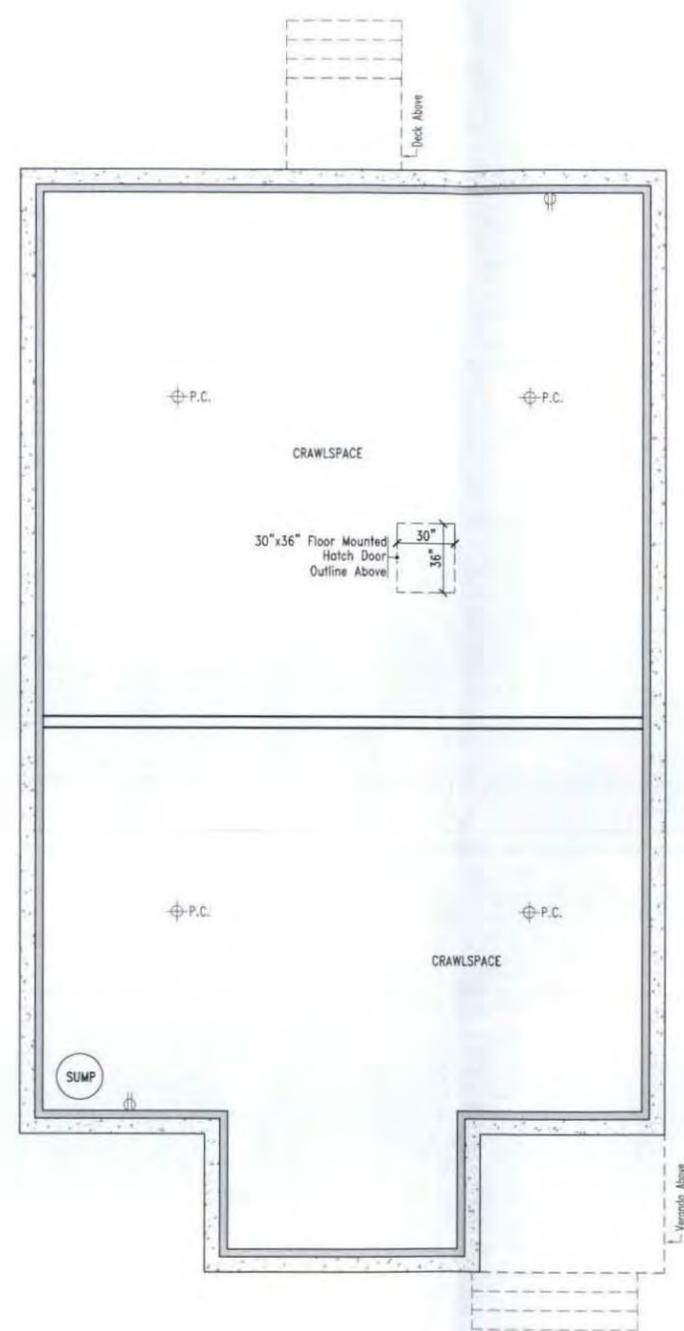
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○	Outlet Duplex 110 Ceiling or Soffit Mount
○	Outlet Duplex 220
○	P.C. Surface Mounted Ceiling Incandescent Light Fixture cw Pull Chain
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○	Recessed Ceiling Incandescent Light Fixture
○	Surface Mounted Incandescent Track Light Fixture
○	Wall Mount Light
○	Wall Mount Photo Cell Light Fixture
○	Wall Mount Light cw Motion Sensor Activation
○	Under Cabinet Fluorescent Light Fixture
○	Emergency Lighting With Battery Pack
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○	Switch
○	3-Way Switch
○	4-Way Switch
○	Dimmer Switch
○	Electrical Panel
○	Smoke Detector - To Be Wired In & Have Battery Back Up cw Carbon Monoxide Detection
○	Cable Television Outlet
○	Satellite Dish
○	Telephone Outlet
○	Speaker - Ceiling Mount
○	Speaker - Wall Mount
○	Door Chime Buzzer
○	Door Chime
○	Cat 5 Cabling

**ELECTRICAL NOTES**

- All Exterior Wall Outlets to be Wrapped in Poly
- Confirm Outlet Locations with Owner Prior to Installation
- Confirm All Necessary Wiring That May Need to be Installed (Speakers, Satellite...)
- Confirm Electrical for Additional Equipment (Air Conditioning, Vacuum...)
- Confirm Fixture Specs with Builder & Owner
- Confirm Exterior Yard Lighting
- Wire for Door Bells at Exterior Doors
- WIRE FOR PRINCIPAL EXHAUST ( Code Ref. ABC 9.32.3.3)
- Provide Dedicated Principal Exhaust fan on Central Control Switch, Control switch to include interlock between Principal Exhaust fan(s) & Ventilation supply Air Fan.



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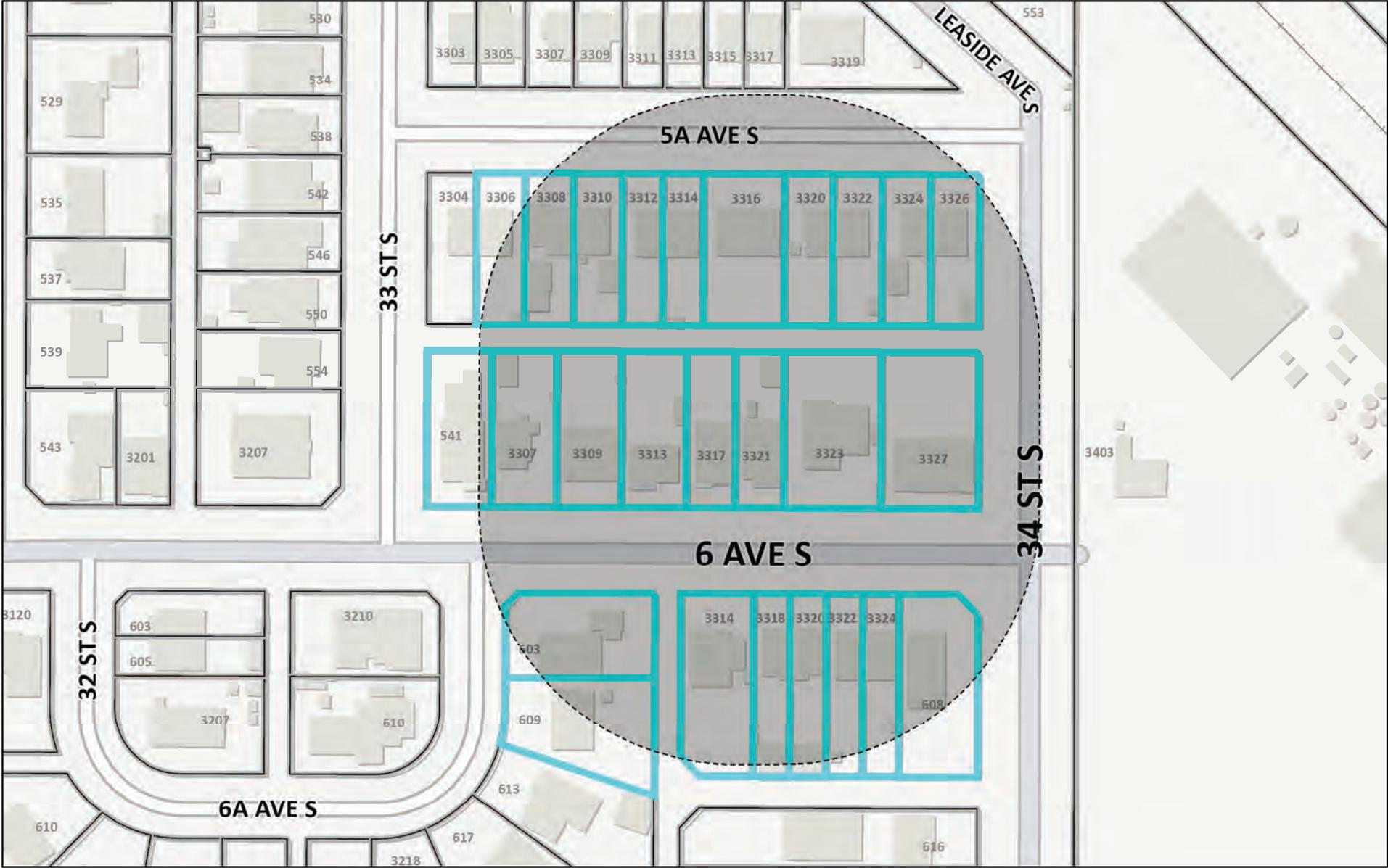


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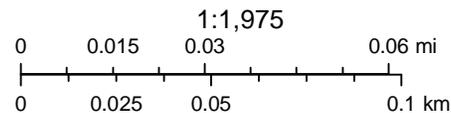
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March 4, 2022

 Parcels



Sources: Esri, HERE, Garmin, Intermap, increment P Corp., GEBCO, USGS, FAO, NPS, NRCAN, GeoBase, IGN, Kadaster NL, Ordnance Survey, Esri



# Subdivision & Development Appeal Board

SDAB Meeting March 31, 2022



**APPLICATION NO.**

**DEN00633**

**LOCATION**

**3321 6 Avenue South**

**LAND USE DISTRICT**

R-L Low Density Residential District

**APPELLANT**

The Last Chance Cat Ranch Society

**LANDOWNER**

Elizabeth Ginn

**CURRENT DEVELOPMENT**

Animal Care, Major

**STOP ORDER**

A phased Stop Order was issued to the Last Chance Cat Ranch (LCCR) on February 17 and March 4, 2022. The property is being used as 'Animal Care, Major' which is not an allowable use in this district. The Stop Order is to ensure that the property is returned to its' approved use, which is a 'Single Detached Dwelling'.

**ADJACENT DEVELOPMENT**

<b>North</b>	Residential
<b>South</b>	Residential
<b>East</b>	Residential
<b>West</b>	Residential

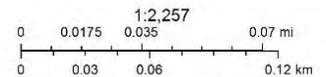
**CONTEXT MAP**

3321 6 Ave S Aerial



March 4, 2022

□ Parcels



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## **EVALUATION**

### **Background**

- The current landowner has owned the property since 2007.
- In 2013 there was a fire that destroyed the dwelling and in 2014 a building permit was issued for a new single detached dwelling to be erected on the parcel.
- After a detailed investigation was completed on January 27, 2022, which included speaking with more of the neighbours and looking at the LCCR's social media sites at photographs that have been shared by the society.
- It was determined from those meetings and seeing pictures on the LCCR's social media sites that no persons resides at this address, other than cats and the operation is much larger than we believed.
- The LCCR currently operates with approximately 4 – 6 volunteers attending daily, which they state is difficult, even with that number to attend to the needs of the cats.
- Evidence indicates that there are over 60 cats that reside in the buildings.
- The building is not operating as it was approved for, which is a Single Detached Dwelling.
- A decision was made that a phased stop order would be issued for the operations of 'Animal Care, Major' that was being operated out of the Single Detached Dwelling.
- The City recognizes the good work that the LCCR has provided to the community, we determined that a phased Stop Order would be the best approach.
- Staff met with a four representatives from LCCR on February 14, 2022 prior to the Stop Order being issued as the City of Lethbridge wanted to be transparent with the organization and inform them of the change in direction from the letter that was issued stating that they complied with the Land Use Bylaw, and now a Stop Order was being issued to eventually cease the operations out of this location.
- February 17, 2022, the phased Stop Order was sent out by registered mail. The registered mail was picked up and signed for on February 22, 2022.
- March 4, 2022, it was brought to our attention that there was an error in the subject line of the Stop Order. The address had been entered incorrectly. The error was fixed and a revised Stop Order was email to Ms. Olmstead and sent again by registered mail.
- Ms. Olmstead had responded to the email with the revised Order and was aware that the only change was to correct the address.
- The Development Officer inspected the property on March 25, 2022 and also hand delivered a copy of the March 4, 2022 Stop Order as the Registered Letter has still not been picked up by LCCR.

- **Dwelling** means development which consists of a building, or portion(s) thereof, containing one or more dwelling units to be used primarily as a residence.
- **Dwelling, Single Detached** means a dwelling which contains not more than one dwelling unit which may be rented to a maximum of four (4) individuals.
- **Dwelling Unit** means one or more rooms operated or intended to be operated as a residence for a household containing cooking, sleeping and sanitary facilities only for that unit.
- **Household** means one or more persons living together and using the cooking facility of a dwelling unit.
- **Animal Care, Major** means development for the health care research for and the treatment, boarding, breeding or training of animals within or outside buildings and includes the supplementary sale of associated products. This term refers to uses such as veterinary offices, veterinary hospitals, animal shelters, pet day cares, boarding and breeding kennels, facilities for impounding and quarantining animals and related research facilities.
- "Animal Care, Major" is only an allowable use in two Land Use Districts in the City. These are the General Industrial (I-G) District as permitted and the Future Urban Development District (FUD) as a discretionary use.

## **LEGISLATION & POLICY**

### **Land Use Bylaw 6300**

- Parcel is zoned R-L Low Density Residential District.
  - Purpose: Primarily for the Development of Single Detached Dwellings and compatible uses.
  - Animal Care, Major is not an allowable use in the R-L Low Density Residential District.
- Division 1, Section 4: Definitions
  - Dwelling
  - Dwelling, Single Detached
  - Dwelling Unit
  - Household
- Section 86 – R-L District

## **APPLICATION OF FACTS**

- The City determined the LCCR is operating an animal shelter at the location in this appeal, by considering:
  - The social media activity of the LCCR, demonstrating that the purpose of the location is as an intake centre, as well as a permanent residence for a number of cats.
  - The statements of neighbours, outlining the activities that occur at the location.
  - The presence of several volunteers attending each day to provide care for the cats at the location.
  - That no individuals currently reside at the home.
- The location in this appeal is currently zoned Low Density Residential (R-L) District, which does not permit an animal shelter, such as the LCCR is currently operating, as a permitted use.
- An animal shelter falls within the defined use of 'Animal Care, Major', which is only allowed in General Industrial (I-G) district (as a permitted) and Future Urban Development District (FUD) (as a discretionary use).

## **CONCLUSION**

- Animal Care, Major is not an allowable use in the R-L District and therefore, an animal shelter is not in alignment with the purpose or the allowable uses in the R-L District.
- A phased Stop Order ensures a decrease in operation levels at the location until such time that it reaches its finality and is relocated to an appropriate district.

## **STOP ORDER**

Our File: DEN00633

Date: February 17, 2022

**REGISTERED MAIL**

The Last Chance Cat Ranch Society  
PO Box 30025 Park Place  
Lethbridge, AB T1J 4X3

**RE: Contravention of Section 12 of Land Use Bylaw 6300**

**Subject: Animal Care Major Located at 3221 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, Lethbridge, AB**

We have reason to believe you and/or The Last Chance Cat Ranch Rescue ("LCCR"), is operating an animal rescue, which falls within the land use of Animal Care Major at the above-noted address (the "Premises") without the requisite Development Permit or rezoning.

We also have reason to believe that volunteers are attending at the Premises to engage in services for LCCR and an offensive odour is present at the above-noted address and that current use and odour is having an offensive impact on neighbouring properties.

Therefore, the use of this building is deemed to be in contravention of:

Section 12	Except as provided in Section 13, a person may not commence any Development unless the person has been issued a Development Permit in respect of it pursuant to this Land Use Bylaw.
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**Accordingly, The Last Chance Cat Ranch Society is hereby Ordered to:**

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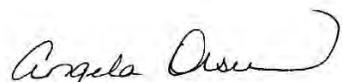
We are hereby providing notice pursuant to Section 542 of the Municipal Government Act, that a site inspection will be requested by a Development Officer, on or around (30 Days) to assess compliance with #1 and #2 of this Order. Additional inspections may be required to ensure ongoing compliance with this Order, and the City will provide notice of when such inspections may be required.

**Failure to comply with this Order may result in a caveat being registered against the property, in addition to other remedies available to the Development Authority, including injunctive relief from the Courts, or other remedies available under applicable legislation.**

**Additionally, failing to comply with this Order may also result in an offence ticket, pursuant to Bylaw 6300, and the Provincial Offences Procedure Act of Alberta, which may result in a fine of up to \$10,000.00.**

You have the right to appeal this Order to the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board within 21 days from the date of this Order.

Sincerely,



Angela Olsen  
Development Manager

cc: Secretary – Subdivision and Development Appeal Board  
Director, Infrastructure of Infrastructure Services  
General Manager – Planning and Design  
Manager – Building Inspection  
City Solicitor

Our File: DEN00633

Date: March 4, 2022

The Last Chance Cat Ranch Society  
PO Box 30025 Park Place  
Lethbridge, AB T1J 4X3

**RE: Revised Stop Order**

**Subject: Animal Care Major Located at 3321 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, Lethbridge, AB**

Further to our email correspondence on March 4, 2022, please find attached for service upon you a revised Stop Order, relating to the Last Chance Cat Ranch operations at 3321 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, Lethbridge, Alberta.

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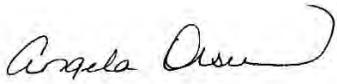
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**From:** [Angie Olsen](#)  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [Maureen Gaehring](#); [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** Revised Stop Order - March 4, 2022  
**Date:** Friday, March 4, 2022 10:31:31 AM  
**Attachments:** Updated LCCR Order - March 4, 22 docx.pdf

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Good morning Laurie,

Please find attached a revised Stop Order, for the operations at 3321 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, Lethbridge, Alberta. The original order had the address in the subject line as "3221 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue South", instead of "3321 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue South". We will send a copy of this revised Stop Order by registered mail to your organizations registered office as well.

Please advise by follow up email if you wish to file a new appeal, based upon the March 4, 2022, corrected Stop Order, or if you are agreeable to proceeding with the current appeal set for March 31, 2022 at 4:00 pm.

Regards,



**Angie Olsen**  
 Development Manager | Planning & Design | City of Lethbridge  
 P: 403.320.4950  
 E: [angie.olsen@lethbridge.ca](mailto:angie.olsen@lethbridge.ca)  
 A: Main Floor, City Hall 910-4<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, Lethbridge, AB, T1J 0P6  
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**From:** [postmaster](#)  
**To:**  
**Subject:** Relayed; Revised Stop Order - March 4, 2022  
**Date:** Monday, March 7, 2022 8:27:55 AM  
**Attachments:** FW Revised Stop Order - March 4 2022.msg

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Delivery to these recipients or groups is complete, but no delivery notification was sent by the destination server:  
laurieolmsted@gmail.com <mailto:laurieolmsted@gmail.com>  
Subject: FW: Revised Stop Order - March 4, 2022

**From:**  
**To:** [Angie Olsen](mailto:Angie.Olsen@lethbridge.ca)  
**Subject:** [External] Re: Revised Stop Order - March 4, 2022  
**Date:** Monday, March 7, 2022 10:23:05 AM  
**Attachments:** Updated LCCR Order - March 4, 22 docx.pdf

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I left you a voicemail to call me for clarification.  
Thanks

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 7, 2022, at 8:27 AM, Angie Olsen <[Angie.Olsen@lethbridge.ca](mailto:Angie.Olsen@lethbridge.ca)> wrote:

Good morning Laurie,

I have not heard back from you yet on the below email.

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**To:** [Angie Olsen](mailto:Angie.Olsen@lethbridge.ca)  
**Subject:** Re: [External] Re: Revised Stop Order - March 4, 2022  
**Date:** Monday, March 7, 2022 10:47:16 AM

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We will proceed with the current appeal.  
 Laurie.

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 7, 2022, at 10:29 AM, Angie Olsen <[Angie.Olsen@lethbridge.ca](mailto:Angie.Olsen@lethbridge.ca)> wrote:

Good morning Laurie,

I just listened to your voicemail and you are correct, nothing has changed on the Order other than the address was corrected.

Could you please respond by email and let us know if you are agreeable with proceeding to the SDAB on March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022 with the revision to the Stop Order, or would you like to file a new appeal?

Thank you,



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**From:**  
**Sent:** Monday, March 7, 2022 10:23 AM  
**To:** Angie Olsen <[Angie.Olsen@lethbridge.ca](mailto:Angie.Olsen@lethbridge.ca)>  
**Subject:** [External] Re: Revised Stop Order - March 4, 2022

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**3321 6 Avenue South**

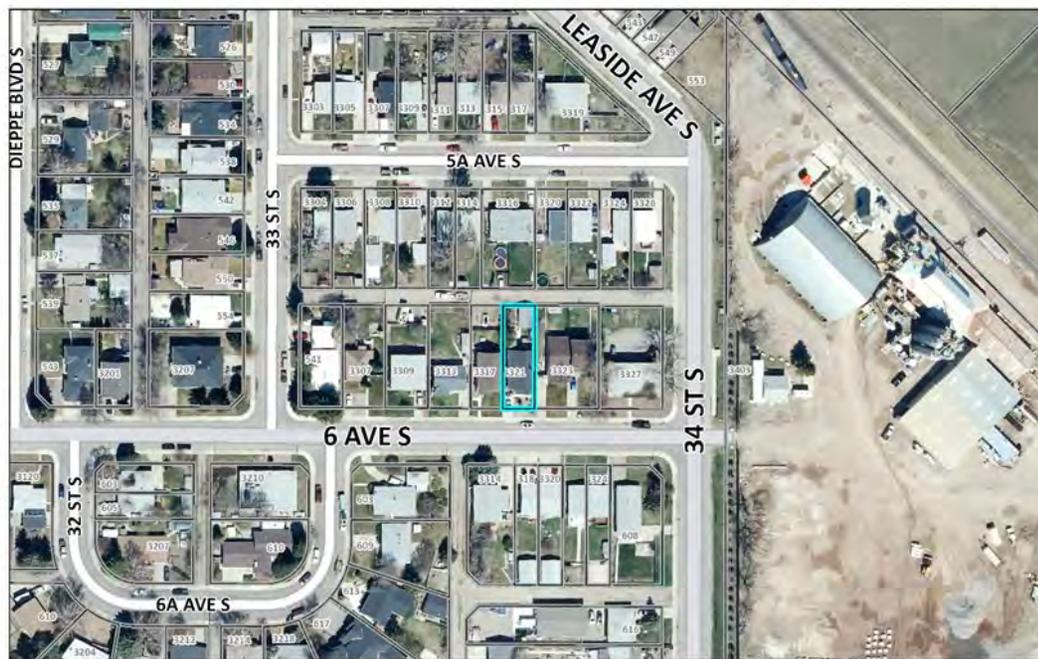
**DEN00633**

# Introduction

- Parcel is zoned Low Density Residential (R-L)
- Stop Order issued for Animal Care, Major in the R-L District
- A single detached dwelling was approved in 2014 after a fire destroyed the previous dwelling in 2013
- Animal Care, Major is not an allowable use in the R- L District

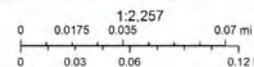
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3321 6 Ave S Aerial



March 4, 2022

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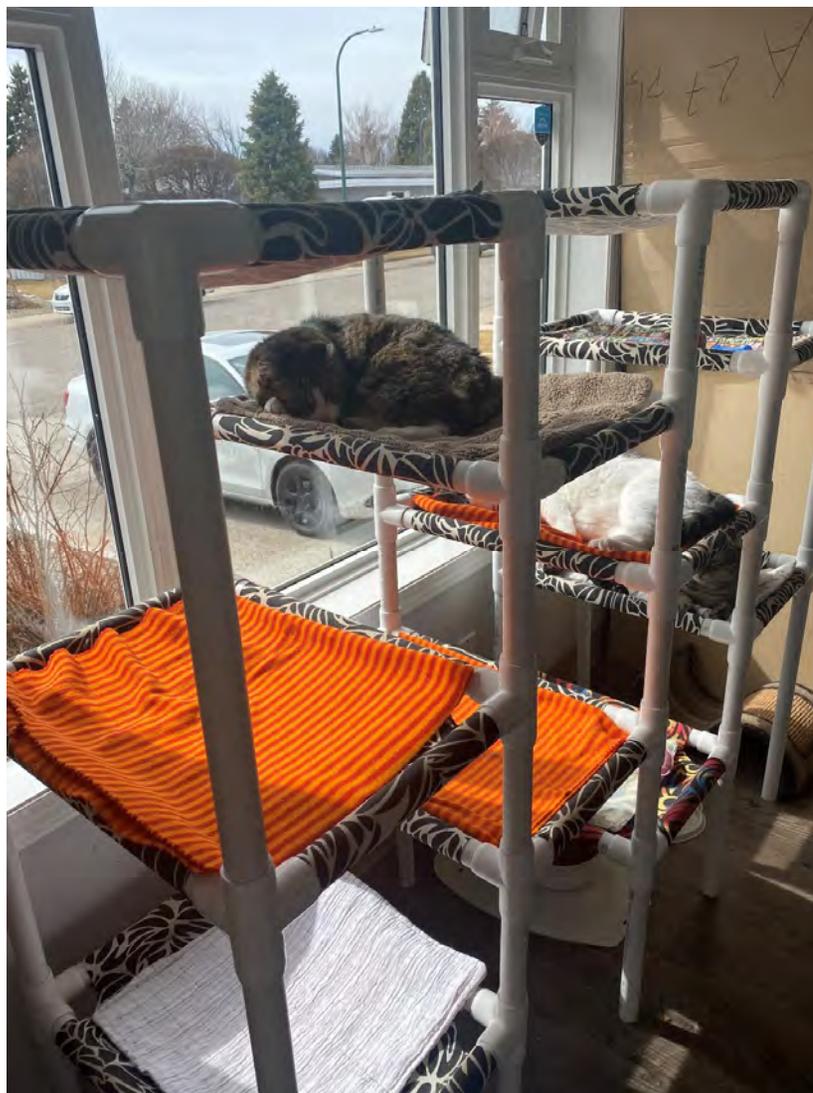


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Front of House



Front entry



Living Room

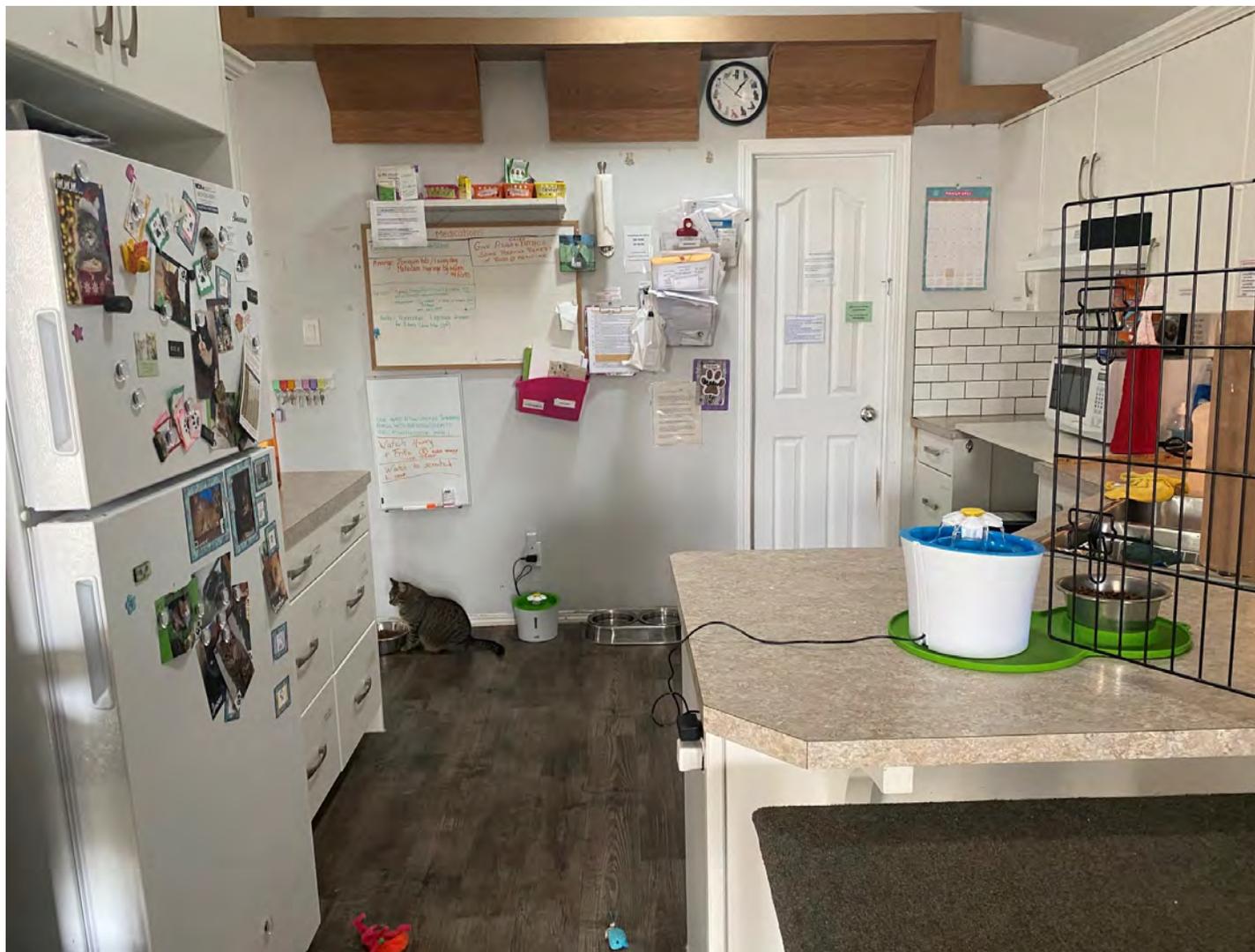




Living/Dining/Kitchen



Dining Room



Kitchen



Washroom





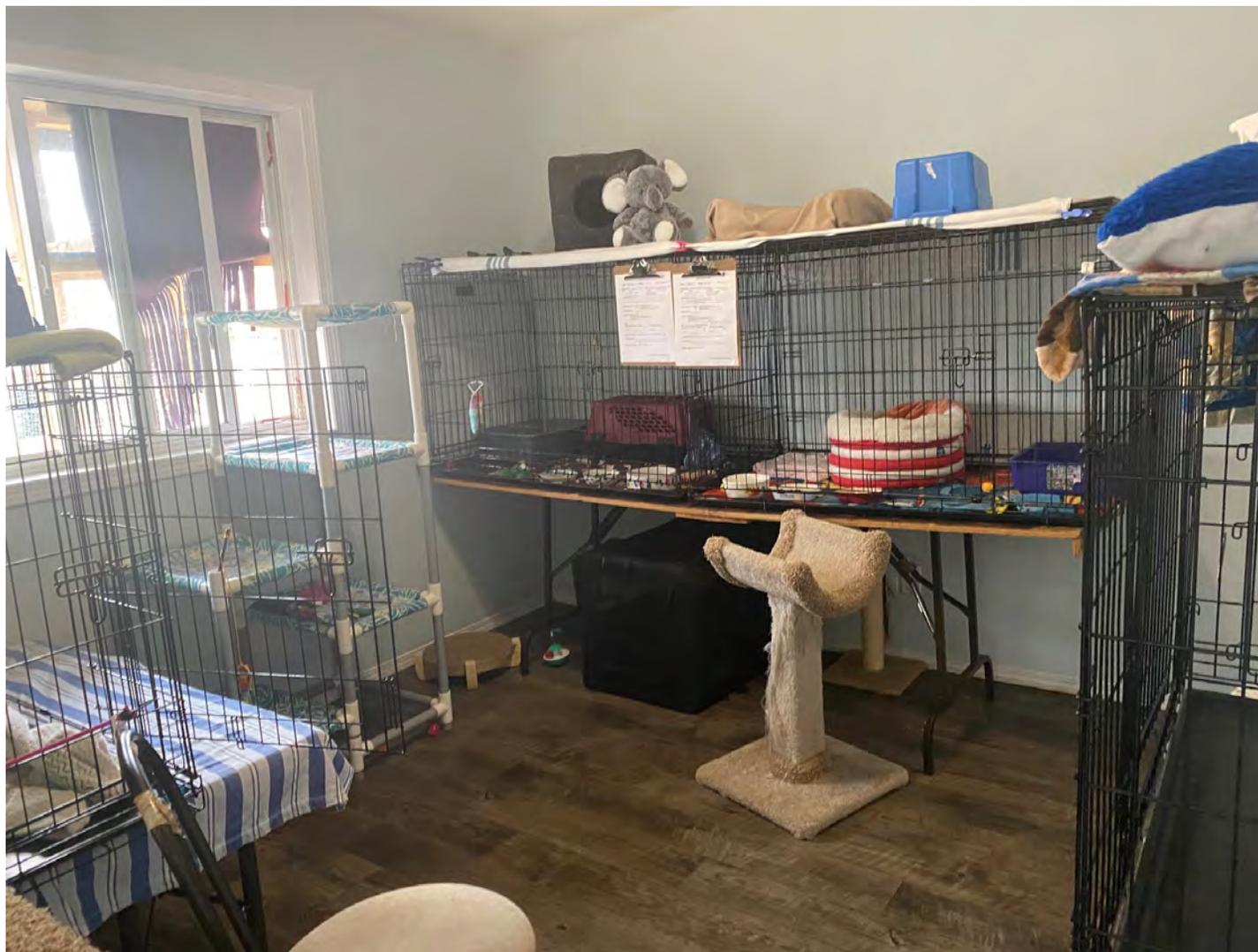
Bedroom 1 and entrance to large catio



Large Catio



Large Catio



Bedroom 2



Entrance to smaller catio in bedroom 2



Garage



Catio/garage  
entrance

# CONCLUSION

- The single detached dwelling is not operating as it was approved. There are no human habitants that reside in the building.
- Social Media activity of the LCCR demonstrates that this location is an intake facility and a permanent residence for a number of cats.
- The zoning does not permit an animal shelter.
- The number of volunteers that are attending each day to provide care is not indicative of a single detached dwelling.
- Animal Shelter falls within the defined use of 'Animal Care, Major' which is not an allowable use in the R-L District. There are only two districts in the City in which they are allowable. These are General Industrial as a permitted use and Future Urban Development District as a discretionary use.

**From:** [Valerie Alston](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Cc:** [Office of the Mayor](#); [Office of Council](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Last Chance Cat Ranch  
**Date:** Thursday, March 10, 2022 8:02:38 PM

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Dear David Sarsfield,

I'm writing about the Last Chance Cat Ranch.

I saw that a stop order was issued (as written in the Herald). This organization helps rehabilitate and care for cats, who might otherwise be on the streets of Lethbridge. Additionally, the Last Chance Cat Ranch should have the volunteer amount that is required for it to run effectively and efficiently and well, ethically.

This is a bad look on the City of Lethbridge. Targeting an organization that cares for these otherwise neglected animals. I am very disappointed as a Lethbridge citizen.

Why not help the Last Chance Cat Ranch? Instead of aiming to basically shut them down. It is embarrassing.

Thanks for listening,

Valerie Alston  
Of 223 rivermill manor w  
Lethbridge  
T1k8c5

**From:** [Brittany Bannerman](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] A Concerned Citizen  
**Date:** Sunday, March 6, 2022 2:19:19 PM

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Hi David,

Thank you in advance for taking the time to read my letter. My name is Brittany Bannerman and I am writing you on behalf of the Last Chance Cat Ranch, specifically the Stop Order that was issued.

This Stop Order is an act of violence in itself, but then you tack on ridiculous, needless suffering...

The additional order of food delivery every 7 days is also arbitrary and creates yet another layer of hardship as this organization strives to maintain the rescue. This order needs to be rescinded.

But that wasn't enough on the suffering scale, either... The additional order of only 2 volunteers per day is arbitrary and grossly inadequate. This order is putting the cats in care in a neglectful situation as is the house itself. Two people cannot possibly manage what needs to be done. This order needs to be rescinded.

All of this strange sentencing really begs the question as to whether those holding power in this city are perhaps projecting their own frustrations and burn out into these situations and rulings. I get it, we are all tired and stretched so beyond our capacity right now. Inundated daily with news about war 2.0 (now with 100% more social media posts with civilian footage from the ground!), COVID, protests, freedom convoys, and real freedom crises. It's too much.

And then to scroll on and see that The City of Lethbridge is now coming for the cats and the earth angels who help them?! I understand that you are likely a highly intelligent human being, David, so I'm hoping to appeal to your critical thought and your humanity:

Please show everyone in this city and beyond that you are capable of realizing what echos of love and tender justice look like. BE the story on someone's news feed that humanity really needs right now. Or at least help The City of Lethbridge stop being obviously abusive with the power it has a responsibility to. This is making The City of Lethbridge look like it lacks empathy and sound judgment. Surely our tax dollars and your time could be spent in other, more pressing areas of concern in Lethbridge? Inaction IS an action that only serves to confirm that The City of Lethbridge condones questionably sociopathic behaviour that has no business being involved in making ethical decisions for its people in Lethbridge.

The Last Chance Cat Ranch has operated out of that same location for 18 years. As a supporter it is difficult to comprehend why suddenly they are targeted and forced to vacate even if they are in violation of a bylaw. This should have been dealt with many, many years ago. They have done so much good work for the City of Lethbridge and the homeless and neglected cats in the city and surrounding areas. The city, surely could find a way to help them.

Hoping you'll find a way, David! I look forward to the headlines changing soon.

With Warmth,  
Brittany Bannerman  
398 Kodiak Blvd N  
Lethbridge, AB  
T1H 6T6

**From:** [Penny Batchelor](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] The Last Chance Cat Ranch Stop Order  
**Date:** Friday, March 11, 2022 2:15:54 PM

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Brad & Penny Batchelor  
426 Mt Sundance Landing W  
Lethbridge, AB T1J 5J9

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Carol Borthwick](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Stop Order & addendums  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 8, 2022 3:31:39 PM

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I am writing this email in support of the Last Chance Cat Ranch.

The STOP order is bad enough but to arbitrary inflict these ridiculous addendums on the LCCR makes no sense at all!

To allow only 2 volunteers per day and one delivery a week is totally unacceptable and will cause extreme hardship on this volunteer based rescue and the animals that they care for! Two people a day cannot feed, medicate and treat injuries, clean the litters and keep the building & yard clean, etc., and give the cats the love & care they need!

Why after 18 years of being in the same place has the City arbitrarily chosen to inflict this pain on the LCCR??

If the LCCR is forced to shut down due to these ridiculous requirements, shame on the CofL!!

What a black eye this has already been placed on the CofL.

Carol Borthwick  
1917- 21 Avenue North

Sent from my iPad

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**To:** [David Sarsfield](#); [thelccr@gmail.com](mailto:thelccr@gmail.com); [Office of the Mayor](#); [Office of Council](#)  
**Subject:** [External] THE LAST CHANCE CAT RANCH  
**Date:** Monday, March 7, 2022 2:36:22 PM

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I am writing you on behalf of the Last Chance Cat Ranch, specifically the Stop Order that was issued.

Only 2 volunteers per day is ridiculous. Are you trying to run them out of the neighborhood ahead of time or trying to kill some of the cats? CRUELTY TO ANIMALS! Two people cannot manage what needs to be done, so I suspect if the facility is indeed properly taken care of (which I know for a fact that it is), you intend to make it NOT SO. If the complaint is about parking, well then, I live by the University and daily nobody can park near my home because of the University student sparking on the street. This is NOT a bylaw. This order needs to be rescinded.

The additional order demanding food delivery only take place every 7 days is also ridiculous. How is it different than bringing food to an elderly person. Volunteers drop food off there when they can. Are you trying to starve those poor cats now? What's wrong with you? You act like a steady stream of people go in and out of that house. I call BS. This order needs to be rescinded.

The Last Chance Cat Ranch has operated out of that same location for 18 years. As a supporter it is difficult to comprehend why suddenly they are targeted and forced to vacate even if they are in violation of a bylaw. This should have been dealt with many, many years ago. They have done so much good work for the City of Lethbridge and the homeless and neglected cats in the city and surrounding areas. The city, surely could find a way to help them if they cared to do anything. God knows the city supports every other ridiculous thing that comes along, plenty of which I and many other people DO NOT agree with. I do not understand why the words of a few people can disrupt an entire humane enterprise, without even informing, including, talking to, or listening to the people who run it. How can you support community volunteers and make decisions with listening to both sides? What is this? Russia?  
Shame on the City of Lethbridge.

This is disgusting! How dare you, all of you! Going after someone who is just trying to do good in the world is reprehensible. Here's a thought: go volunteer instead of complaining! See what's actually happening instead of trying to railroad a cause that is helping the community.

The Last Chance Cat Ranch has done nothing but good for the poor, abandoned cats that the people here do not take accountability for. These poor animals do not disrupt the neighborhood in any way. What do the cats do? Roar at night?  
I listened in disbelief to the minutes of May 26, 2021, where Mr. Russomano fabricated facts beyond belief. He obviously has some sort of grudge either against the owner of the house, or against cats in general.

I'm not certain what the complaint is about. Russomano says it's unsightly in the

neighborhood, yet someone else speaking says when they checked it out, the house "fit in with the neighborhood & didn't display deficiencies". The cats aren't at large, so that's not an issue. So what exactly is he complaining about? Also, is he the only one complaining? Is it this much attention because of one person lodging a complaint? I'd certainly rather have LCCR in my neighborhood than many unhealthy strays reproducing.

Again. The Last Chance Cat Ranch was not even notified. Mr. Rusomano applied to the Safety Standing Committee where he was afforded an hour and a half of floor time; however, The Last Chance Cat Ranch was not invited to that meeting; did not even have knowledge of it until after the fact and therefore were unable to respond to any allegations. What kind of Democracy is this? Again, am I living in Russia?

This city has slowly been going down the drain for the last several years. Now this? Since Covid started I have noticed that all the worms have been coming out of the woodwork, complaining about anything they can. Well here is MY complaint. The city needs to acknowledge the wonderful job this cat rescue has been doing for over 18 years, and **INCLUDE THEM IN THEIR BUDGET** as they do the junkies. Can you imagine if they did not exist? I can. So have a heart and a brain for once.

Thank you,

Julie Bowen  
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**From:** [Ann Breckenridge](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Please help Last Chance Cat Ranch  
**Date:** Saturday, March 5, 2022 1:47:31 PM

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Sincerely,  
K. Ann Breckenridge  
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Lethbridge, AB  
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**From:** [Amy Brennan](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] DEN00633  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 8, 2022 3:01:58 PM

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This city has an issue with cat overpopulation, so to close a rescue that does SO MUCH to help the problem is absolutely asinine. The city should be giving them funding, NOT shutting them down. My family has adopted 2 cats from LCCR, and I feel for other families and cats that won't get the same chance if the rescue is shut down.

Thank you,  
Amy Brennan  
86-2300 13 St N  
Lethbridge, AB  
T1H 4E8

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**From:** [Paula Cardozo](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#); [Office of the Mayor](#); [Office of Council](#); [Lloyd Brierley](#)  
**Cc:** [thelccr@gmail.com](mailto:thelccr@gmail.com)  
**Subject:** [External] Last Chance Cat Ranch  
**Date:** Saturday, March 5, 2022 6:48:50 PM

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To Whom it May Concern,

I am frustrated and saddened that I am once again writing to advocate for Last Chance Cat Ranch (LCCR).

This weekend I was made aware of the stop order. It is appalling that such a well-run charity is being subjected to this stress. The stop order strikes me as arbitrary and cruel, considering the needs of the animals.

The dedicated volunteers provide our city with an invaluable service. You should be supporting their efforts. It raises the question, "Why aren't you?"

**HOLD FAST!**  
Paula Cardozo, BA, MEd, MLIS  
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Lethbridge AB T1K 7S5

**From:** [dc](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] LCCR Last Chance Cat Ranch  
**Date:** Sunday, March 6, 2022 11:21:34 AM

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Stop Order Re: Last Chance Cat Ranch  
06, 2022

March

I am writing to you on behalf of the Last Chance Cat Ranch, specifically the Stop Order that was issued.

I just started volunteering a few month ago, and this place is immaculate, the protocols for all cats and place are perfectly clean, neat, and tidy. Wellness for cats is number #1 priority so 3 -5 people a day in morning, and evening is a MUST. With two to three hours to maintain this high protocol levels these cats deserve. Food delivery on top just think of your home and pets?

I have supported the LCCR for over 15 years, and I will continue to help and support this organization. This group has done so much for the City of Lethbridge, and the Community areas of service to help people and the cat population, of homeless and neglected Cats.

The city could surely find a way to help them, the cat population, homeless and neglected Cats as our City and communities are growing, and the Last Chance Cat Ranch is an organization that is working with the City, other animal organization, many local business (w/stray No kill), and low income families that need help ASAP

Greatly Appreciated

Debbie & Dave Coolidge

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**From:** [Natasha Rebry](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Email Regarding the Recent Last Chance Cat Ranch Stop Order  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 9, 2022 1:00:13 PM

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Dear Mr. Sarsfield,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Last Chance Cat Ranch, specifically the recent Stop Order that was issued.

The additional orders of only 2 volunteers per day and food delivery limited to every 7 days threaten the cats in care with possibly neglectful situations. These additional orders seem arbitrary and should be rescinded so that the rescue can provide necessary care to their cats and continue their good work for this community.

The Last Chance Cat Ranch has operated out of that same location for almost 18 years, so it is difficult to understand why they should suddenly be targeted and forced to vacate even if they are in violation of a bylaw. This group has done excellent work for the City of Lethbridge and local homeless and neglected cats. As a supporter of the Last Chance Cat Ranch, I truly hope that the city can find a way to help them and the important work that they do.

Sincerely,

Natasha Rebry Coulthard

1035 11 Street South Lethbridge T1K 1P6

**From:** [Pam Crawshaw](#)  
**To:** [getinvolved@cityoflethbridge.ca](mailto:getinvolved@cityoflethbridge.ca); [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Last Chance Cat Ranch  
**Date:** Thursday, March 10, 2022 12:55:10 PM

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Dear Mayor and Council,

I am concerned about the Stop Order issued to Last Chance Cat Ranch. Provided their work does not interfere with the neighbourhood and they are not noisy, messy, or smelly, they should be allowed to continue this very important community service.

LCCR cares for abandoned cats, keeping them from becoming a nuisance. They provide a social service for people who are in crisis because they can no longer care for their pets. And what about the volunteers who have found purpose and passion at this place during a challenging time? Last Chance Cat Ranch does not cost The City anything, as far as I am aware, for the service they provide for us.

Perhaps they may be grandfathered rather than shut down. I presume the complaints aren't all coming from just one person? If yes, maybe LCCR is the scapegoat for other stresses in their life. As a landlord, I know all about neighbour complaints and the complainant isn't always right. I worry about cats who may become homeless and I worry about the volunteers who need LCCR just as much as the pets do.

Thank you for reading.

Pam Crawshaw  
Lethbridge

**From:** [Nicole Daminato](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#); [Lloyd Brierley](#); [Office of the Mayor](#); [Office of Council](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Last Chance Cat Ranch  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 9, 2022 5:15:03 PM

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I am writing this email, in my support of the last Chance Cat Ranch, and the stop order that was issued.

The LCCR has been in operation at the same location for 18 years, I find it highly difficult to understand why now, after so long they are being targeted and forced to vacate this location. Why if this was an issue was it not dealt with many, many years ago? I am assuming the city has known about the LCCR, and the amazing work they do within the city?

The stop order that was put in place is unbelievable. We have more people coming and going from our home of 4 people , with our children's friends, skip the dishes and amazon deliveries! 2 people a day to care for the wellbeing of the cats , is cruel and such a disappointing move from the City of Lethbridge

The LCCR has done so much over the last 18+ years, for neglected, abused, homeless cats within the city and surrounding area.

As a proud volunteer of the LCCR and a resident of the city of Lethbridge for 45 years, there must be a way the city to help them.

Sincerely

Nicole Daminato  
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Barbara Darby  
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Lethbridge AB T1J 1G8

March 5, 2022

City Clerk David Sarsfield (via email)  
City of Lethbridge

Dear Mr. Sarsfield:

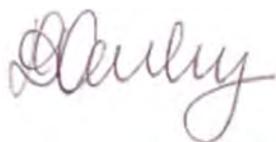
Re Last Chance Cat Ranch

Thank you for providing this correspondence to the appropriate authorities.

I am writing in response to a recent decision respecting the Last Chance Cat Ranch. To my knowledge, there has been a stop order issued to the group and an order to cease operations from the current location. I think the order was issued under s.12 of the LUB. This section prohibits **commencement** of a development. The building in question was not a new development, but an existing building. I don't know that s.12 applies. Under s.42(3) of the LUB, **non-conforming uses can continue**. I am not sure what evidence was used to establish that offensive odours are emitted from the location. The City has a great deal of discretion in its enforcement of the bylaw, and in particular with respect to existing buildings and uses that predate the bylaw.

To my knowledge, if this organization ceases to operate, City of Lethbridge will have a huge additional burden of the care of many additional stray and abandoned cats and kittens, at a significant expense to the City. Volunteers with this organization give countless hours of their time and attention to a cause that benefits the City as a whole. I request that this decision be reconsidered, both from a communal benefit standpoint, and because the decision may not comply with the bylaw itself and how it is properly enforced.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Barbara Darby". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Barbara Darby

**From:** [Norine](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#); [Office of the Mayor](#); [Office of Council](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Last Chance Cat Ranch... STOP ORDER...some unreasonable demands  
**Date:** Monday, March 7, 2022 2:34:48 PM

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March 7, 2022

RE: Stop Order issued to Last Chance Cat Ranch

I have followed Last Chance Cat Ranch for many years. I personally applaud the strong community service offered by this organization, in the care and treatment of animals that are neglected or left to struggle and die alone and uncared for. Last Chance Cat Ranch is the ONLY cat care organization in the south that is strictly NON KILL. They will treat all animals and nurse them back to health as best as is humanly possible.

What does this mean?

It means that there are people in this city who care about animals left to fend for themselves.

It means that cats are accepted and taken care of- fed, nurtured and loved- not only at the facility but by many others throughout the city who agree to foster cats until a loving home is found for them.

It means that there is some control on the feral cat population in this community.

Can another organization do the job Last Chance Cat Ranch does?

No, quite simply.

Other organizations do not necessarily honestly adhere to a strict NO KILL ruling.

Other organizations do not ensure that medical treatment is provided for any condition from which the cat might be suffering.

Other organizations do not ensure that if a cat needs four or five small meals a day due to malnutrition, he/she will receive just that- provided lovingly.

Other organizations do not necessarily make sure that if a cat needs a certain medication three times a day, he/she gets that, as required.

Other organizations do not have the loving community volunteer program which is at the heart of Last Chance Cat Ranch.

If Last Chance Cat Ranch is forced to close, animals will suffer- plain and simple.

If Last Chance Cat Ranch has to abide by two of the points in the STOP ORDER, animals will suffer and, quite honestly, die.

It seems, from the letters and information I have read concerning the "complaints" about the Last Chance Cat Ranch, that they have been raised over the last five or so years. The organization has been in the same location for sixteen years. The cats housed there are not free to roam. So, common concerns about cats interfering with a person's property are not viable. Quite honestly, I believe some of these complaints were prompted by ill will and sheer nastiness... and that the "squeaky wheel" concept has been employed. In fact, there were many falsehoods employed by that squeaky wheel, I believe.

I understand that Last Chance Cat Ranch has advised the city that it is prepared to find a different premises and has been granted a year to do such. I personally don't believe they should have to move at all, being that they have been there for sixteen years already. Of course I understand that there are bylaws for the use of property within different sections of the city. I gather that so does the organization if they have informed the city that they are prepared to find an alternate property.

***HOWEVER, and this is the point which is not only upsetting but completely unreasonable and unfair.***

***Last Chance Cat Ranch CANNOT function adequately with two volunteers per day.*** That is unreasonable. Cats in care there have many needs which demand further contact with people. Some of those needs are medications multiple times a day. Some of them need multiple meals and care as they recover from surgeries, abuse or malnutrition. All of the cats need love and regular human contact. Besides that, there are the needs to maintain and care for the hygiene and toilet care of the animals.

Demanding that only two volunteers be allowed there a day is ridiculous. There is NO reason in the world why six volunteers a day cannot be allowed to tend to the cats- in shifts. I have a neighbor who rents out rooms in his home. At least five cars are parked in front of my house daily for that house. Parking is public on city streets so that reason is invalid, at best. If the volunteers work in shifts, we are talking about probably two cars parked at any one time by volunteers. That is not unreasonable for any household without a driveway or garage. If people are dropping off food etc for the cats, how is that any different from a person having company... or an older person receiving regular care?

**This point in the STOP ORDER needs to be removed- immediately.**

***The second point in the stop order which needs removing is the acceptance of food once a week.***

Are you kidding me? The Last Chance Cat Ranch gets its main order of food delivered once a month. Besides that, there are personal donations of food made by caring citizens. Occasionally, there is a larger donation made by a business. People run businesses out of their homes all the time in Lethbridge. Deliveries by Purolator and the like are common and regular for these homes. There is NO reason why Last Chance Cat Ranch should be restricted to getting food once a week. That is crazy. I can order things every single day to come to my house.

SO, in closing, I will say that I am somewhat frustrated and disappointed in the city asking that Last Chance Cat Ranch be relocated. In seeing that the organization has advised the city that it is prepared to find and move to an alternate location ( as per some zoning regulation), that is a point I will not argue.

**BUT, the above two restrictions placed on them in the STOP ORDER are unfair, unnecessary and without merit. They will prevent the organization from providing adequate care to the animals in their charge. That is tantamount to killing the cats. This is NOT acceptable. The organization should have continued regular use the current facility ( as they have had for 16 years) over the next year as they seek suitable alternate accommodation.**

When the city is dealing with long standing citizens or organization, it is essential to work WITH them in order to ensure that bylaws and zoning requirements are met. It is really NOT ok to handcuff an organization that is trying to do what is right—especially if the handcuffs are not necessary. In this care, these STOP ORDER points are not necessary and actually prevent what is ultimately required-

movement to a different, suitable facility. I ask that you let them take the year to locate and procure a facility which will allow them to continue to provide this public service to our community and this loving service to the cast out animals in their care WITHOUT unreasonable conditions regarding volunteers and food delivery.

Thank you for your time.

Norine Dodge

109 Park Meadows Blvd North  
Lethbridge, AB

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

**From:** [Irene Doucette](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Please care about Animals. Re: Last Chance Cat Ranch  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 8, 2022 4:29:18 PM

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The city should be grateful to have an organization such as this that does not even receive FUNDING. What is the city going to do to help rectify this situation? How will these issues be resolved? Does the city think that all of these cats should just be euthanized if the LCCR can not afford a new building?

Thank you for your consideration and time,  
Irene and John Doucette  
4210 22 Ave S  
Lethbridge AB T1K4Y6

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Caitlyn](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Last Chance Cat Ranch  
**Date:** Monday, March 7, 2022 10:42:15 AM

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Caitlyn Drader 815 16 St S, Lethbridge, AB T1J 3B6, Canada

I am writing you on behalf of the Last Chance Cat Ranch, specifically the Stop Order that was issued. Personally I have volunteered before the pandemic and the new order does not sit well with me.

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**From:** [Dawn D](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Last Chance Cat Ranch  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 9, 2022 5:59:28 PM

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Dawn Drouin  
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403-715-7615

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

**From:** [Sheri Drouin](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] LCCR Reconsideration  
**Date:** Sunday, March 13, 2022 2:27:59 PM

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My name is Sherinna Drouin my address is 2114 17st North, Lethbridge AB T1H 4W7  
These cats need us if it weren't for LCCR there would be thousands of cats who would of lost there lives due to neglect and abuse. I wholeheartedly believe we can work with the city and come up with some sort of solution where we make everyone happy in the end. And falsely accusing and not inviting the party who is being accused to the meeting is just unbelievable and disrespectful. If you have any love for animals what so ever you will fight for this cause! But anyone like the people who leave these cats out to die and desert them will get there karma weather it be today,tomorrow a year from now. Taking a cats life is like taking a humans life in my eyes. Let's help this society not demolish them. They deserve so much respect for what they do! I hope you do the write thing.

Thanks so much

Sherinna Drouin

**From:** [K.D](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Last Chance Cat Ranch Stop Order Appeal  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 9, 2022 9:55:21 AM

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David Sarsfield,

We are writing you on behalf of the Last Chance Cat Ranch, specifically the Stop Order that was issued and the additional orders of only 2 volunteers per day and food delivery every 7 days.

The issue of limiting volunteers is damaging and ridiculous. The more volunteers for any organization, the better. Plus these are volunteers! People who offer their own time at no cost and should not be limited on what time they are able to spend with the cats. It is their choice to offer what they can. Plus these cats are in need of constant help with their health, let alone time to feel love. This order is putting the cats in care in a neglectful situation. Two people cannot possibly manage what needs to be done. This order needs to be rescinded immediately.

The additional order of food delivery every 7 days is also insane and creates yet another layer of hardship as this organization strives to maintain the rescue. What does it matter to the city or even the shameful neighbours how often food is delivered? Should we limit how often the neighbour can get their groceries? This order also needs to be rescinded immediately.

As supporters of the Last Chance Cat Ranch it is difficult to comprehend why suddenly they are targeted and forced to vacate in such a manner. If they are in violation of a by-law maybe the City should step up and help this charity and these cats. Provide a building that is up to standards and in the appropriate location for the bylaw. This is a no-kill shelter and they take on many cases that the City does not or would just kill. This should have been dealt with many, many years ago. They have done so much good work for the City of Lethbridge and the homeless and neglected cats in the city and surrounding areas. The city, could find a way to help them.

We suggest offering a building that meets your bylaw and standards. There are so many empty buildings in Lethbridge and more all the time as businesses close and choose to leave this city. We would also strongly suggest funding for this charity. Now is the time to step up.

There are so many other issues with this City and as homeowners we would expect those issues be addressed far before targeting a charity who helps animals when no one else does.

We feel like this was the easy target and was focused on unfairly. We hope that as a whole that the City is ashamed of their actions and see what hardship they have created when there was no need to. The city needs to fix the issue, provide a building and support this charity more than ever.

In a world with so much cruelty and pain why intentionally cause more?

We understand as a business, hard decisions without emotions must be made. We also understand that many people in Alberta intentionally cause pain and harm to the innocent. But

there is still some hope when organizations like this find a way to help the most innocent and endure through everything that is thrown at them to cause failure. We hope whoever reads this has a heart and it breaks just as much as ours did when we first read the post on Facebook of the cruelty the city imposed with the stop order on these kind people as well as the cats that are obviously not loved or thought of by so many others.

This letter is emotional and heart felt. This has caused us personal pain, and stress when we have already had more than our fair share. Having to spend time to write this letter and hope we can manage a way to help the LCCR has taken a toll on us that we didn't have left to give but nevertheless we will find a way.

Let me leave you with this. Animals know when those around them feel stressed, sick or attacked. These cats have already gone through enough at the hands of others. With this stop order the limited people these cats can now have contact with are heart broken, stressed, and have been targeted unfairly, etc...These cats know and feel that too, causing them even more pain and distress. What did these animals do to elicit such cruelty? The people of Lethbridge and surrounding areas have caused the problem and chose to neglect or harm these innocent cats. Will the city now choose to continue to harm and neglect these poor animals or step up rescind the stop order and provide the assistance they have needed for years and never provided before?

Please find it in your hearts and pockets to rescind the stop order with the silly additions as well as now find a way to make a difference and work with this organization to make it even more successful in the future.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter and we hope address the issue at hand immediately.

Kaysie Dudart & Tyler Campbell

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**From:** matthias fikre <matthias.fikre@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 8, 2022 8:21 AM  
**To:** David Sarsfield <David.Sarsfield@lethbridge.ca>  
**Subject:** [External] Last Chance Cat Ranch

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Mr. Sarsfield,

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The additional order of food delivery every 7 days is also arbitrary and creates yet another layer of hardship as this organization strives to maintain the rescue. This order needs to be rescinded.

The Last Chance Cat Ranch has operated out of that same location for 18 years. As a supporter it is difficult to comprehend why suddenly they are targeted and forced to vacate even if they are in violation of a bylaw. This should have been dealt with many, many years ago. They have done so much good work for the City of Lethbridge and the homeless and neglected cats in the city and surrounding areas. What harm really exists by the cat ranch existing? The community benefits much more than it loses from the ranch existing. The city surely could find a way to help them.

Best,

Matthias Fikre-Atnafu

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Lethbridge, AB  
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**From:** [S. French](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Regarding your "threat" to the Last Chance Cat Ranch  
**Date:** Sunday, March 6, 2022 8:41:56 AM

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Mr. Sarsfield:

This will be short and to the point I hope, I wanted to let you know, but also as a taxpayer, that I have some say about what I read about Last Chance Cat Ranch and how sad and disappointing your plan is! That you would even consider doing what you suggest shows your lack of empathy for animals, and even for people. Elizabeth is not doing well and has stage four cancer. Rescue has been her life; I am sure you know that, and to unnecessarily break her heart in her final days is absolutely an abomination!

This City, like so many others, is overrun with cats and kittens, so many ferals. Many die horrible deaths; some times because of the cruelty and non caring of humans. Certain per centage are lost or just plainly dumped!

I was with Elizabeth many years ago on a rescue. It was 40 below one winter and we were at the Industrial Area because many ferals live in the compounds. Elizabeth had received a call for help on a particular colony. Elizabeth was in dumpsters taking out kittens and moms, most dead of the cold. They had gone in the dumpsters seeking shelter and then could not get out and froze.

Small kittens had been stuck and then frozen in the links of the chain link fences, where they had tried to get through.

We saved some and it was heartbreaking! Two of those ferals (unadoptable of course) stayed with me for 8-9 years before they passed. That would not have happened has Elizabeth not taken the call to handle the situation. And she always did!

I could go on but I am sure you are aware of these things. And if you are not, then I strongly suggest you get yourself out on a rescue mission and/or go over to the Ranch and see some of the hurt, unadoptable, lost animals that have help and medical and food because of the Ranch and its volunteers. Or if u dont care about those who are vulnurable and need our help, you should be looking for a different job.

I would think the Last Chance Cat Ranch is a landmark in Lethbridge, not something to be shut down because of a few miserable neighbors! What is their solution to the over population I wonder?

Sylvia French  
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Lethbridge AB T1H4K3  
403 380 3109

**"The greatness of a nation can be judged by how it treats its weakest members".**



"Is all that we are or have seen  
But a dream within a dream"... Edgar Allan Poe  
"Through a glass darkly..." Kane -2017

**From:** [Dale Frisky](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Last Chance Cat Ranch Lethbridge  
**Date:** Saturday, March 12, 2022 8:20:15 AM

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Thank You  
Dale Frisky  
139 Laval Blvd W  
Lethbridge, AB  
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**From:** [Lau G](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Last Chance Cat Ranch  
**Date:** Sunday, March 13, 2022 11:13:47 AM

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I am writing to you on behalf of the Last Chance Cat Ranch, specifically the Stop Order that was issued. What do I need to file to stop the stop order?

I read they can only have 2 volunteers per day, which is grossly inadequate. My veterinarian has more than that. This order is putting the animals in care, in a neglectful situation as is the house itself. Two people cannot possibly manage what needs to be done. This order needs to be rescinded.

I own one cat, just one. Often people presume they are self-sufficient, but that is not true. If we are unable to help animals, how can we help other humans?

The additional order of food delivery every 7 days is also arbitrary and creates yet another layer of hardship as this organization strives to maintain the rescue. This order needs to be rescinded. I cry for the homeless, people, and animals. Nothing living on Earth should go hungry, ever. Do you wait 8 hours for your food? Would you like too? I sure wouldn't like waiting more than 4 hours. That is about how often my cat eats here at home.

The Last Chance Cat Ranch has operated out of that same location for 18 years. As a supporter it is difficult to comprehend why suddenly they are targeted, and forced to vacate even if they are in violation of a bylaw. This should have been dealt with many, many years ago. Honestly, after 18 years, now it's a problem?

"The needs of many, outweigh the needs of one". I was always taught majority rules. You have one sufficient human, and many needy cats. Should we let them run feral? We have a by-law against 'stray', loose running animals. Cats specifically. So, if it wasn't for the Ranch, we would have an influx of feral cats.

They have done so much good work for the City of Lethbridge, the homeless and neglected cats in the city, and surrounding areas. The city surely could find a way to help them. Maybe the city can relocate the uppity neighbor that doesn't seem to like cats?

I have never lived in a city like this one, where so many people seem to hate animals. I am starting to hate this city. Trust me, I do look to relocate, simply because I am unable to live with those who hate animals. After the things I have seen in five years involving very poor animal treatment here, now this.....sad.

However, you may convince me people don't hate animals.... if you stop this one person's (the neighbor) madness against kindness. Why is kindness to humans acceptable, but animals secondary or nil? My cat, is my family, not just a pet.

If you, for whatever reason, unforeseen, are unable to allow them to remain, please help the city fund their relocation. Moving for cats is traumatic. It was for mine when we drove here from ON. They need stability, they hate change. Much like humans. I find this neighbor to be on the 'cancel culture' bus. The bus has to park, we can't cancel everything.

Kindness and caring, wow, just wow, let's NOT cancel that.

I pray your heart leads you to help those helping others. Be they human, or animal, and not one cry-baby humans wants. They should be able to cope as a human.

Thank you caring,

L. Garnier / Blackwolf Community

**From:** [Liz Golish](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] LCCR Stop Order  
**Date:** Saturday, March 12, 2022 9:01:51 AM

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Dear Mr. Sarsfield,

My name is Liz Golish and I am a resident of Lethbridge. I live at 34 Nevada Place West. I am writing to you in response to the Stop Order against the Last Chance Cat Ranch.

When I first heard about this I was heartbroken. I am shocked that a charity that benefits the community would have this happen.

LCCR has taken cats off the street and provided shelter to injured and homeless cats until a proper home can be found.

I am a strong supporter of the work that they do. My daughter volunteered at LCCR several years ago and I donate when I can.

Having said this, I ask that the City would reconsider and recind this order. The charity is volunteer based and requires more than 2 people a day to properly care and maintain the care of the cats and house.

The food delivery is necessary to keep the cats healthy and thriving so they can be adopted and is done properly and as required. Why must it be changed? It doesn't seem to make sense.

These are all done with hearts that saw a need in Lethbridge and surrounding communities.

They do not get funding. They are providing a much needed service to our wonderful city. The benefits provided to the cats and our community is essential.

Please please help them by recinding the order and seeing the positive impact they provide to us.

Our city should be grateful for the helping hands and hearts that do this volunarily. Surely, you can see how this has helped our community.

I ask that you would please allow them to continue and maintain the number of volunteers required and to have their food delivered as before. Honestly, how does this hurt anyone?

They have been doing it for almost 20 years. And now things need to change?

Certainly the city can do better. I believe that you can do better. Please stand with this organization to allow them to do what is best. Recind the order. Please!

I ask that you would forward my objection to the order to the appeals board or who makes the decision.

I am hoping that the city will grant the request for the order to be cancelled and that they would stand beside the people that make a positive difference in our community, the Last Chance Cat Ranch.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Liz Golish

**From:** [Heather Gordon](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Support of Appeal for LCCR  
**Date:** Sunday, March 13, 2022 5:34:53 PM

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ATTN: David Sarsfield,

I am writing this letter in support of the Last chance cat ranch specifically in response to the stop order that was issued. I ask that this be appealed and that LCCR remain unaffected and able to proceed with normal operations and not be forced to change locations, having negative impact to LCCR operations, resident cats and will outrage many citizens supporting the rescue and their efforts. This stop order must be rescinded.

I have spoken to Mayor Hyggens previously regarding LCCR, and he agreed at the positive and lasting impacts LCCR has made for many years that are far reaching and they are far more than “just” a rescue.

It is extremely upsetting that this has seemingly come to fruition after an inquiry last May related to unfounded complaints made from an individual citizen, and at that time LCCR was investigated and found compliant. At that time i emailed Mayor Hyggens and he responded “LCCR has done some amazing work in the community and I have heard of many families that have adopted a cat from this organization. I appreciate the volunteers that continue to do the best to provide for the animals they have in their care. “

My question is, what has changed since May’s investigations? I know the operations of LCCR have remained the same.

I have personally seen the work and positive impacts LCCR has made and will be outraged if they are affected negatively as a result of the one sided, inaccurate accounts by mr. Russomano. LCCR has operated in compliance with the city for 18 years with no issue. Why now are the being given a stop order?

The site is tidy, and well kept, I can personally attest to the exceptional care provided to the cats in the residence, and have visited the site myself. It is disheartening that blatantly false claims are even being considered, which seems to have been made out of spite by complainant. This is especially troublesome considering the SPCA has spoken to the excellent care provided to the cats housed there, and a fellow board member has spoken to the tidiness and well kept property.

It is infuriating that LCCR continues to not be included in these discussions at council meetings, unable to respond or defend false allegations.

**It’s is also very concerning that the addendums related to the stop order will undoubtedly put the animals at risk and will cause neglect in care. It would be incurring risks that the foundation has been falsely accused of!!** (ie: only allowing 2 volunteers on premises per day! And only allowing food deliveries every 7 days) this is asinine! Considering many residences have many more “visitors” coming in and out per day. Food deliveries

limited to every 7 days? What impact do these two things have in the grand scheme of things? To me it sounds like these stop order addendums are simply put in place to make this horrific situation as difficult as possible for LCCR so they will relent and leave? Tell me what restitution these stipulations will bring?

Do the right thing accept the appeal and rescind the stop order against Last chance cat ranch immediately so they can at least offer care at their continued standard until you hardheartedly force them to relocate.

Sincerely,

Heather Gordon  
7 - 295 Blackfoot Rd. Lethbridge Ab T1K8A6

To: appeal Board: David Sarfield

March 13, 2022

City of Lethbridge COUNCIL,

**RE: Last Chance Car Ranch**

I couldn't believe my eyes when I read Virginia Kuz's letter in the Herald. Where on earth did you find the authority in the M.G.A. to levy such draconian restrictions. I am a retired CAO and I do not think you have any MGA authority.

You all - have restricted a bunch of beautiful volunteers to forcibly mistreat their cats. 2 volunteers a day cannot feed, clean, and treat their charges, they need 2 shifts of 3. You have sentenced to death all their cats. They cannot advertise or use social media to find homes for them -- and to raise money to be able to find a suitable shelter to move to. Whatever happened to **FREE SPEECH??** Are we in Russia?

After 18 years there – HAVE YOU GOT A PETITION FROM ALL THE NEIGHBORS??

There was PUBLIC meeting that cleared them of all problems with the last Council in the spring last year. The City did not even invite them to your last meeting to give them input from their side, they were unaware of your agenda. They have been cleared by animal cruelty inspections; they are dumfounded by your last callous unwarranted attack. **They should have been Grandfathered in by the new council.** Do they have to go through the whole thing all over again after each election - after 18 years? **Corporations should honor their previous commitments /contracts.**

The City has threatened the LCCR with a large penalty if they use their volunteers to care adequately and lovingly for their cats, or be guilty of animal cruelty. They cannot operate with 2 people, some animals need medications. If you want them moved then help them find new quarters, for \$1-- they have used all their money to care for the animals, the City hasn't helped them out with any money.

LCCR has helped the City free of charge for 18 years, those cats could be out there harassing the neighbors, and I know from experience that the city would get plenty of complaints. Does the Council want them homeless, or dead?? These cats have **no place to go**, if you force them to be put down, the City could be liable because of your draconian restrictions. **A lot of supporters will be very unhappy.**

I have already left a message with the Lethbridge Herald Editor, and said I will see him Monday after I come to City Hall. I don't think you want the negative publicity that could come from all the cat lovers in Lethbridge and district. I will attend the March 31 meeting to hear your appeal decision.

Yours Sincerely,



Shirley Heather-Kalau, Retired CAO Coutts

Phone 403 360 1919 -2101 28<sup>th</sup> St. S. Lethbridge

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cc. Leth Herald

**From:** [ila fh](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Relating to Last Chance Cat Ranch Stop Order  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 8, 2022 6:25:39 PM

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I am writing you on behalf of the Last Chance Cat Ranch, specifically the Stop Order that was issued.

The additional order of only 2 volunteers per day is damaging and does not provide enough care for the cats at the facility. This order is putting the cats in care in a neglectful situation. Two people cannot possibly manage what needs to be done. This order needs to be rescinded.

The additional order of food delivery every 7 days is also arbitrary and creates yet another layer of hardship as this organization strives to maintain the rescue. Will this food delivery stop from allowing workers to bring treats? Or to bring by food that suddenly needed to be restocked? This order needs to be rescinded.

The Last Chance Cat Ranch has operated out of that same location for 18 years. As a supporter it is difficult to comprehend why suddenly they are targeted and forced to vacate even if they are in violation of a bylaw. If this was a problem, it should have been dealt with many, many years ago. They have done so much good work for the City of Lethbridge and the homeless and neglected cats in the city and surrounding areas. The city, surely could find a way to help them."

Thank you,

Ila Heggie

823 18 St S

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**From:** [Chris Hibbard](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Please help the last chance cat ranch  
**Date:** Saturday, March 5, 2022 1:13:45 PM

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Dear City of Lethbridge

I am writing you on behalf of the Last Chance Cat Ranch, specifically the Stop Order that was recently issued. I believe it is very important to have a no kill shelter in Lethbridge to assist with issues of abandoned pets and homeless animals that exceed what the SPCA is able to provide.

The additional order of only 2 volunteers per day is arbitrary and grossly inadequate. This order is putting the cats in care in a neglectful situation as is the house itself. Two people cannot possibly manage what needs to be done. This order needs to be rescinded.

The additional order of food delivery every 7 days is also arbitrary and creates yet another layer of hardship as this organization strives to maintain the rescue. This order needs to be rescinded.

The Last Chance Cat Ranch has operated out of that same location for 18 years. As a supporter it is difficult to comprehend why suddenly they are targeted and forced to vacate even if they are in violation of a bylaw. This should have been dealt with many, many years ago. They have done so much good work for the City of Lethbridge and the homeless and neglected cats in the city and surrounding areas. The city, surely could find a way to help them.

Sincerely,  
Chris Hibbard  
2-304 highlands blvd west Lethbridge

**From:** [Brielle Holman](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] The LCCR  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 8, 2022 7:46:48 AM

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Attention City of Lethbridge/David Sarsfield:

I am writing you on behalf of the Last Chance Cat Ranch, specifically about the Stop Order that was recently issued. The additional order of only two volunteers per day is arbitrary and grossly inadequate. Frankly, it makes their work impossible. This order is putting the cats in care in a neglectful situation as they are not allowed to be cared for as needed. Two people cannot possibly manage what needs to be done. This order needs to be rescinded immediately!

The additional order of food delivery every 7 days is also arbitrary and creates yet another layer of hardship as this organization strives to maintain the rescue. The LCCR already deals with many hardships and adversities as is, but to have the City of Lethbridge make their lives even harder is SICKENING. This absurd order also needs to be rescinded.

Lastly, The Last Chance Cat Ranch has operated out of that same location for going on 18 years. As a supporter and registered foster, it is difficult to comprehend why they are suddenly targeted and forced to vacate even if they are in violation of a bylaw. This should have been dealt with many, many years ago. They have done so much GREAT work for the City of Lethbridge and the homeless/neglected cats in the city and surrounding areas (work that the City of Lethbridge FAILS to acknowledge) This city needs to find a way to help and support this NON-PROFIT facility. If you're shutting them down, what are you doing to deal with the repercussions? (Other shelters in the area reaching max capacity, increase of sick and helpless homeless cats, unruly uproar/outrage from LCCR supporters, and MANY more consequences)

Shame on the City of Lethbridge and anyone who supports the Stop Order of such a selfless, charitable and compassionate animal facility. These people do nothing but help!

Regards,

BRIELLE HOLMAN  
503-19 aquitania circle w  
Lethbridge AB T1j5m2

**From:** [marie horbie](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] LCCR Appeal  
**Date:** Monday, March 14, 2022 3:36:57 PM

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Aubrey Horbachewski  
310-440 Columbia Blvd W, Lethbridge, T1K 5R4

Hi David,

I am writing you on behalf of the Last Chance Cat Ranch, specifically the Stop Order that was issued.

The Last Chance Cat Ranch has operated out of that same location for 18 years. As a supporter it is difficult to comprehend why suddenly they are targeted and forced to vacate even if they are in violation of a bylaw. This should have been dealt with many, many years ago. They have done so much good work for the City of Lethbridge and the homeless and neglected cats in the city and surrounding areas..

I am a volunteer at the Lethbridge & District Humane Society as well as have volunteered at a variety of other animal shelters. Lethbridge is especially in desperate need of animal shelters specifically catered to cats such as LCCR. Shelters like Lethbridge & District Humane Society are to capacity with cats and unfortunately the hundreds of cats they have in facility are in a small kennel all day compared to LCCR where the cats happily coexist and roam in the house, living what I consider a much happier life during their time in rescue.

Rather than penalize LCCR and cause the cats more suffering than they already have endured there should be better supports and assistance for animal shelters, specifically LCCR to address the ongoing issues of neglect, abuse, and abandonment of cats in Lethbridge and surrounding areas.

An angry neighbour, inconvenienced by the efforts of LCCR should not be a trusted source. It is disgraceful that this neighbour was given floor time at the Safety Standing Committee while LCCR was not invited or made aware of the allegations being made, leading a Stop Order with addendums that directly negatively affect the cats the rescue is trying to protect and care for. Allegations regarding animal neglect and poor conditions are unfounded and have led to a Stop Order with addendums that put the cats at risk.

Assisting with a new LCCR facility that meets the Lethbridge Bylaws should be considered to truly do something for the cats suffering in Lethbridge and surrounding areas.

I hope the City of Lethbridge can see the importance of LCCR to the community and take efforts to assist in cat rescue in Lethbridge.

Thank you,

Aubrey Horbachewski  
310-440 Columbia Blvd W, Lethbridge, T1K 5R4

**From:** [Brooklyn Doucette](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Last Chance Cat Ranch  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 8, 2022 4:08:10 PM

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Dear Mr. David Sarsfield,

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The city should be grateful to have an organization such as this that does not even receive FUNDING. What is the city going to do to help rectify this situation? How will these issues be resolved? Does the city think that all of these cats should just be euthanized if the LCCR can not afford a new building?

Thank you for your consideration and time,  
Brooklyn and Ben Hubek  
482 Lynx Terrace N  
Lethbridge, AB  
T1H6Z6

**From:** [Kayla Ito](#)  
**To:** [Office of Council](#); [David Sarsfield](#); [Debbie Mueller](#); [Carly Kleisinger](#)  
**Subject:** [External] IMPORTANT  
**Date:** Saturday, March 5, 2022 10:21:30 AM

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Hello I am writing you as I am a resident of Lethbridge. I have 4 cats of my own & I care a lot about animals. I know there was an incidence at the Lethbridge cat ranch due to a selfish young girl that obviously gave up her cat to these people because it needed medical attention she could not provide. Lethbridge cat ranch is for helping people that care about their animals, in emergency situations, they also go OUT OF THEIR WAY to HELP homeless cats or cats that need medical attention or cats that have been abandoned!!!!

We allow this problem of an over population of cats in Lethbridge, there is no laws to have to spay your animals, there are no laws to once you own a cat you must take care of that cat like you would a child. MY CATS ARE MY CHILDREN, I am thankful for rescues like this, because not only have they helped many homeless and sick cats, they also have found cats in the dead winter that have homes that just got lost & reunited them with their owners..... THIS crazy selfish lady that broke into the cat ranch and stole "her cat" back had no reason to do so, SHE GAVE UP HER CAT, she couldn't feed it, she couldn't pay for its medical bills she couldn't HELP it.. so now who saved this cat??? LAST CHANCE CAT RANCH SAVED ALL OF THESE CATS. If you had a baby and your baby was deficient from lack of nutrients and was losing its hair and was skin & bones, would you give that baby back to the mother or father ??? NO!!! So why should they give this poor cat back to the lady that put him in this situation?? No instead she breaks in & now is causing a bunch of issues.

They have a year to move locations, ok no problem they can move locations if it's a big deal TO YOU.

YOU have made rules only 2 people allowed to care for the cats at once, dude this is volunteer work, what is SO FREAKING bad ?? Why is it the city to say that only 2 people that are volunteering on their own time are allowed to access the house ?

There are drug houses that have over 100 people a day coming & going, selling drugs, doing crazy ass shit because they are high out of their minds, going to steal cars & the city is worried about people coming and going that are volunteering for animals, that are ALIVE, BREATHING LIVING MOVING. This is craziness you want to stop the last chance cat ranch from operating. Do you have children, do you have animals ?

This is a problem, and quite honestly if the city of Lethbridge doesn't acknowledge we have a cat problem due to the PEOPLE of Lethbridge, & the city of Lethbridge is trying to stop a non profit organization then I am not proud to be a citizen of Lethbridge and I am not proud to have my children in Lethbridge & I am not proud of the people who work for the city imposing such problems on a rescue that benefits living beings.... Who are you to say these people can't help these animals out of the goodness of their hearts, where is your heart??

God damn animals have fucking feelings & you want all these animals to have nowhere, your stopping people from caring for them properly, ITS VOLUNTEER. So we don't have freedom in our city to be able to help a population of living beings that can't help themselves ???

I am Kayla Ito of Lethbridge & I do not agree

I will be sharing this and making this as wide spread as I possibly can across the world.

We are here for our animals of the world, we care for our animals in the world. In Ukraine there is a shelter with 450 animals in one roof, the owner wife & husband are staying there to be killed & bombed with the animals. Once you have a bond with an animal you can't let go, you aren't just making the animals suffer you are making the people of Lethbridge that care about animals

Suffer watching this, and you are making the volunteers and everyone who puts into the last chance cat ranch whoever they are they are suffering, not just for the animals but mentally & physically.

I've never been to the cat ranch but I do follow their Facebook page and I keep updated on all of the animals they help, & myself I feel physically sick like throwing up hearing that you have no respect for the rights of these animals, it's not hurting anyone. The only person it maybe hurt was the girl who stole her cat back because they wouldn't give it to her because she surrendered it in the first place because it wasn't in a happy or healthy home it needed help just like you wouldn't give a victim of child abuse back to their parents.

**From:** [Karyn Jarvis](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Last Chance Cat Ranch  
**Date:** Monday, March 7, 2022 12:12:22 PM

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Dear David

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None of this makes sense, I have neighbors that have people coming on a regular basis daily, simply because they like to visit. I shop at least 3 times a week, which means I'm coming and going throughout the day often. What about big families? Are they supposed to limit how often they can come home? We have long been supporters of LCCR, where do you expect these animals to go? It is especially shameful of a city this size. Who is going to feed them and take care of them? Where do you expect them to go? The cats are not hurting anybody. The city should be grateful that these poor cats are kept off the street and they are safe and not bothering anybody when their left inside and taken care of properly. My neighbors had 9 children, so there was a household of 12 and they were church people, so they had people coming and going constantly, including taking up parking spaces, were they supposed to limit themselves to 2 people at a time? This is extremely appalling! If you're going to go after The Last Chance Cat Ranch, then what about the other animal rescue places, are they served these notices as well?

We're embarrassed to live in a city that would even consider this!

Surely instead of hindering this problem the city could find a solution to resolve this problem? These cats are inside, so who are they hurting???

Sincerely,

Karyn Jarvis & Jeff Mehrer  
805 9Ave South Lethbridge

403-329-3021

Dianne Skretting

941 10St South Lethbridge

403-329-8341

**From:** [Chris Johnson](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Last chance cat ranch  
**Date:** Thursday, March 24, 2022 8:42:19 AM

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If you need it, here is my information:

Chris Johnson

810 18 st N

Lethbridge AB

T1H 3H2

**From:** [Susan Joncas](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Cc:** [Elizabeth Ginn](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Last Chance Cat Ranch, Lethbridge, AB  
**Date:** Saturday, March 26, 2022 4:28:29 PM

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I am writing to you on behalf of the Last Chance Cat Ranch, specifically the Stop Order that was issued.

I am appalled by this new City Council in Lethbridge and the neighbor of the LCCR for trying to shut down a well needed organization in this City.

Elizabeth Ginn has put her heart, soul and money into the LCCR, has found wonderful volunteers who take care of the abused, thrown out to survive or die on their own, sick and unwanted cats in this City. Elizabeth has already lost one house and many dear little felines to a house fire years back. I would like to know why the City didn't say anything to the LCCR that cannot maintain the house as a "Cat Rescue". As to the neighbour, if you don't like it move! Also to this neighbour, how would you feel if you get the "stench" all day from Richardson's Foods (formerly Canbra Foods) and the smell from the feedlots in Picture Butte. Most of north and central Lethbridge have to put up with this smell all the time.

Does anyone on this "so-called" City Council know what it is like to have a pet who is sick and requires medication, special meal preparations, vet visits and lots of care? No, they seem to be very "cold-hearted" and would put the animal "down".

The order allowing only "2 volunteers a day" is ridiculous and is inadequate. Don't you realize you are putting the health and well-being of these precious animals at risk. Would you do that to your children or for that matter, your elderly parents! Of course not. This order is putting the care of the cats in a neglectful situation. ***THIS ORDER NEEDS TO BE RESCINDED IMMEDIATELY, IN ORDER FOR THE LCCR VOLUNTEERS TO DO THEIR JOB CORRECTLY IN CARING FOR THESE PRECIOUS FELINES!***

Now for the other order - what are you thinking of: delivery of food every 7 days. Here again is another example: "Would the City tell the homeless, low-income families, etc, who are all citizens of Lethbridge, that they can only go to the food bank once every two months for food!" Not likely. As mentioned on the LCCR's Facebook page, citizens of Lethbridge donate food continuously throughout the month. How is the food supposed to be brought into the LCCR if they can only go out and bring in once a week. Absurd. ***Another ridiculous and absurd order that should be rescinded.***

It is difficult to comprehend why the City has now decided to target this needed organization when it has been running at the same location for nearly 19 years. Is it because of one neighbour complaining?

I am a senior citizen who has just lost her last cat (one of four) and I miss their love and attention and I know how much love and special attention the LCCR gives to each and every one of their precious felines.

***This letter is to be forwarded to the Appeals Board upon receipt.***

S.E. Joncas  
1421 - 5 Avenue N.  
Lethbridge, AB. T1H 0N1

**From:** [Kaylie Kinkley](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Last Chance Cat Ranch  
**Date:** Monday, March 7, 2022 7:08:37 PM

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing on behalf of the Last Chance Cat Ranch regarding the issuance of the Stop Order. The addition of only two volunteers per day is capricious and woefully insufficient. This order places the cats in care *and* the house in a state of neglect. Two people cannot possibly accomplish everything that needs to be done. This order *needs* revocation.

Additionally, the order of food delivery every seven days is arbitrary and adds another layer of difficulty to this organization's efforts to maintain the rescue. This order also *needs* revocation.

I know that the Last Chance Cat Ranch has operated at this location for almost eighteen years. To start imposing conditions on how they operate is extremely callous. As someone that has also rescued several feral, abandoned, sick kittens and cats, I have always admired their hard work and dedication from afar. I know from experience that after doctoring two or three cats back to health – there are several waiting to take their place. Rather than imposing conditions on the organization, perhaps the city could find a way to support and assist them in their efforts to save cats in Lethbridge and surrounding areas.

Regards,

Kaylie Kinkley

178 Blackfoot Court West

Lethbridge, Ab

T1K 7P5

**From:** [Diane Klippenstein](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Cat Ranch  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 8, 2022 3:42:38 PM

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I do not understand how cruel you can be. This cat residence was long established before this neighbor moved there. He should be the one moving. It is not possible for two people to attend to these cats and give them the love and attention they deserve every day. If they have to move, the city should provide a new home for them. You have wasted money on drug users and installed traffic circles where they were not needed. Now it is time to stop being inhumane and help the Cat Ranch thrive. Perhaps if you volunteered there you would understand the scope of what is being done there.

Diane Klippenstein  
246 Fairmont Blvd. S.  
Lethbridge, AB  
T1K7M7  
403 381 3091

**From:** [M. Diana Koenig](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Last Chance Cat Ranch  
**Date:** Monday, March 7, 2022 5:34:39 PM

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Hello,

I am writing you on behalf of the Last Chance Cat Ranch, specifically the Stop Order that was issued.

The additional order of only 2 volunteers per day is arbitrary and grossly inadequate. This order is putting the cats in care in a neglectful situation as is the house itself. Two people cannot possibly manage what needs to be done. This order needs to be rescinded. The additional order of food delivery every seven days is also arbitrary and creates yet another layer of hardship as this organization strives to maintain the rescue. This order needs to be rescinded.

The Last Chance Cat Ranch has operated out of that same location for going on 18 years. As a supporter, it is difficult to comprehend why suddenly they are targeted and forced to vacate even if they are in violation of a bylaw. This should have been dealt with many, many years ago. They have done so much good work for the City of Lethbridge and keep cats off the streets. The city surely could find a way to help them.

Regards,

Diana Koenig

570 Blackfoot Manor W

Lethbridge, AB

T1K 7W4

**From:** [kodankitty@gmail.com](mailto:kodankitty@gmail.com)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Last Chance Cat Ranch  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 15, 2022 8:49:09 AM

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Dear David,

Please pass my letter along to the City Council members as soon as possible. A woman named Elizabeth McGinn who has given most of her life to caring for abandoned and neglected cats in the City of Lethbridge is now dying of cancer. Our city's parting gift for her trouble? A STOP ORDER!

The Last Chance Cat Ranch has operated out of that same location for 18 years. I have personally seen how clean and well-run it is. This is disgraceful!

The fact that LCCR has been issued this order is also one of the most short-sighted and poorly planned decisions I have ever seen!

I first learned of this organization when I was looking for a volunteer position for my disabled brother. I was SO impressed by the cleanliness, organization and heart of this group that once I had seen it, there were no other choices.

They fill a niche that nobody else in Lethbridge is filling by caring for the neglected animals that would otherwise be overtaking our neighbourhoods due to our City's lack of concern. Not only do they provide food, shelter and adoption services, but they also provide veterinary care and spay/neutering which helps curb a population that has the potential to explode in numbers without them!

Female cats can reproduce two to three times a year, and their kittens, if they survive, will become feral without early contact with people. Cats can become pregnant as early as 5 months of age, and the number of cats rapidly increases without intervention by caring people. Example: A pair of breeding cats, which can have two or more litters per year, can exponentially produce 420,000 offspring over a seven-year period!

Two volunteers PER DAY (as this order requires) cannot take care of the cats in care. Not even close. They have animals there that require medications 3 times per day and small meals 4 or more times per day due to severe emaciation and malnutrition. They are a no-kill shelter that often takes in cats that require an enormous amount of hands-on attention. Their current schedule has a bare minimum of 3 people PER SHIFT; so 6 per day. Even with that support, it means a lot of work per individual to give the cats the care they need and to maintain the property to the standard that it is kept.

This Order was made effective immediately, with the terms seemingly arbitrary and contrary to what they were advised previously. Given the potential results of these immediate requirements, we understand that ASPCA is now involved and has contacted the city; we do not know the results of that contact. I hope they can help decision-makers see the light. At the very least, they should have a year to relocate if they do it without the City's assistance!

Food delivery once every seven days? Another seemingly arbitrary order. Their large food delivery is once per month, but they have donors that personally drop off food on occasion. They also may run out of something and need to pick up food and take it to the house. Occasionally a large commercial donor will send a truck with much-needed supplies. The person or people issuing these edicts should be required to attend the site in person so they fully grasp the logistics involved!

If the City doesn't want LCCR in their current location, why don't we provide an alternative building owned by the City. It should be FREE to this charity because the service they provide to the City of Lethbridge is invaluable, or at

the very least, subsidized to make it affordable to the charity.

Surely the City could find a properly zoned building with water available, washroom facilities and the ability to grant the cats access to the outside in a catio. This is the ONLY shelter of its kind in Southern Alberta!

LCCR volunteers are extremely upset as they know the animals in care, love them, nurture them etc., give freely of their time (hours for many), and to think they may have to be transferred to an unknown rescue where we many not know their fate is heart wrenching.

What REALLY upsets me is that the City of Lethbridge has absolutely NO cat bylaws or shelters, and when Animal Control and the SPCA wouldn't help us with the three sick cats our elderly neighbors left behind when they were sent to long term care, it was the Last Chance Cat Ranch that took them in, provided veterinary care and eventually found homes for them!!

I plan to attend the hearing on March 31 and bring with me as many Lethbridge taxpayers as I can; however, I hope that someone at the City will have had a closer look at this situation and taken positive, supportive action before then.

I must say again that I was shocked to hear about this. I have usually found our City to be well organized and our Council and staff to be very responsive to citizen concerns. It surprised me that LCCR was not invited to attend to answer the complaints that appear to have been made about them either. I trust that can be remedied as well.

Sincerely,

Penny Kowalchuk  
(403) 393-6025 c.  
744 12 St N  
Lethbridge AB T1H 2H4

**From:** [Erin Laider](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Lcrl  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 8, 2022 2:47:26 PM

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Concerned tax payer,

Writing to give my support to last chance cat rescue in their appeal on the decision to have their current facility moved or closed down.

They are doing a necessary job to help animals in our city and our city should be offering them more support and aid. NOT CREATING MORE ROAD BLOCKS.

Please reconsider the decision and help them continue to help our community.

Sincerely,

Erin Laider

406 27 st south lethbridge Alberta t1j 3r9

**From:** [Linda Lait](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Last Chance Cat Ranch appeals committee  
**Date:** Friday, March 11, 2022 9:50:17 PM

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David Sarsfield,

I am writing on behalf of the Last Chance Cat Ranch, specifically the Stop Order that was issued. While the rescue may be in violation of the zoning bylaws, the process that has been taken is unacceptable - excluding them from discussions and not allowing them to answer complaints against them. Regardless of whether the zoning disputes can be addressed or not, they have 1 year to vacate the premises so why are there irrelevant and frankly dangerous limitations being imposed upon them? For example, no other building, public or private, has limitations on how many people can visit in a day, so what is the justification for limiting the rescue to 2 visitors a day. Under what bylaw is this found? I can possibly understand 2 at a time, but not two per day. This puts both the volunteers and animals at risk, and has no justification whatsoever. Secondly, what justification is there to limit how many deliveries can be made to the building. Again - not how much, or when, but how often. This is not imposed on other buildings whether public or private. Both of these limitations are vindictive and do nothing but punish a registered charity. These limitations need to be rescinded so that the rescue has a chance to look after the animals under its care while they look for new premises. Furthermore, what right does the city have to order them to remove the address from their website or other materials? Again, what bylaw is being broken here. If the order demanded that they state they are in the process of moving that would be acceptable, but not to remove it altogether.

While the issue of zoning needs to be addressed separately, the orders placed on this rescue are irresponsible, arbitrary, and cannot be justified. The Last Chance Cat Ranch has operated out of that same location for going on 18 years without complaint, showing that it is managed in a responsible fashion. If it is decided that they need to relocate then that is one thing, but they need to be able to continue to provide care for the animals in their care until that date. Anything less would be as a direct result of this order, making the city responsible for the mistreatment of these animals. As a supporter it is difficult to comprehend why suddenly they are targeted and forced to vacate even if they are in violation of a bylaw. This should have been dealt with many, many years ago. The city themselves have stated numerous times that the rescue has done so much good work for the City of Lethbridge and the homeless and neglected cats in the city and surrounding areas. The city surely could find a way to work with them to make this transition smooth rather than persecute them with nonsensical limitations/orders that endanger both people and animals.

Sincerely,  
Dr. Linda Lait  
106 Heritage Close  
Lethbridge, AB T1K 6S1

**From:** [Kate LaRocque](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Last Chance Cat Ranch  
**Date:** Saturday, March 5, 2022 5:37:43 PM

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Dear Mr. Sarsfield,

I am writing you on behalf of the Last Chance Cat Ranch, specifically regarding the Stop Order that was recently issued. The additional order of allowing only two volunteers per day is arbitrary, grossly inadequate, and abusive. This order is putting the cats in care in a neglectful situation, particularly as some cats need medications up to four times per day. Two people cannot possibly manage what needs to be done. This order needs to be rescinded immediately for the well-being of the cats.

The additional order of food delivery every 7 days is also arbitrary and creates yet another layer of hardship as this organization strives to maintain the rescue. This order also needs to be rescinded.

The Last Chance Cat Ranch has operated out of that same location for 18 years. As a supporter, I am perplexed about why they are suddenly being targeted and forced to vacate even if they are in violation of a bylaw. This should have been dealt with years ago. They have done so much good work for the City of Lethbridge and the homeless and neglected cats in the city and surrounding areas. Lethbridge needs the LCCR. The city needs to find a way to help them. Let the LCCR find a new home, as they have agreed to do, but rescind these orders to allow for the care of the animals in the meantime.

Kate LaRocque  
338 Mt. Sundance Landing W.  
Lethbridge, AB. T1J5H9

**From:** [Oli Larsen](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] please help LCCR  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 22, 2022 1:27:44 PM

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City of Lethbridge  
City clerk David Sarsfield  
Dear Sir,

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**In these very troubling times on this planet it is time we showed some compassion to the innocent animals that mean no harm to anyone. Animals that are cute for a few weeks and then discarded like garbage or worn out toy. There have been many respected people and organizations that have supported the Last Chance Cat Ranch through the years and now all their efforts seem disrespected by the powers that be. This is not how we run a carrying city or society. I implore you to please give this organization a chance to do good community work ....it's as they are named ....Last Chance.....before what...death to these innocents?**

Regards,

Oli Larsen, citizen of Lethbridge and tax payer

**From:** [Alanna Lee](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Last Chance Cat Ranch  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 9, 2022 1:59:39 PM

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Dr. Mr. Sarsfield,

I am requesting that the city please re-consider it's recent Stop Order issued to the Last Chance Cat Ranch. This volunteer run service has provide safe shelter, food and care to countless homeless cats over the years. I find it hard to believe that it is a huge imposition on the neighbourhood that it is in. I myself have been there to deliver food and kitty litter. It was hard to even tell which house I was supposed to be going to until I saw the address. Yes once out front, I could see a few cats on cat trees in front of the window, but there was no noise and no smell. Every time I have driven by or been to the house, it has been that way. Wouldn't you much rather see cat's cared for in this home than randomly wandering the streets, skinny and emaciated or worse yet, hit by cars. I would think that most decent people would.

I also request that the City remove the potentially abusive orders that were placed on the home? If an owner were to inflict food deprivation and not clean up after the cats on a regular basis, Animal Services would be in to charge them. Yet the City has decided that it's ok for them to mandate these potential outcomes? I am shocked at that. I know we are not all animal lovers but to impose restrictions that may lead to these hardships, is borderline animal abuse. They need more volunteers to keep everything safe and sanitary, not less. They need more food delivery to feed hungry mouths, not less. We have enough suffering in Lethbridge, please do not add to it.

Thank you

Alanna Lee  
2702 47<sup>th</sup> Street  
Lethbridge, AB  
T1K 8J6

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

**From:** [Sarah Lindemann](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Last Chance Cat Ranch Stop Order  
**Date:** Monday, March 7, 2022 1:06:11 PM

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I am extremely saddened and disappointed and therefore writing to you on behalf of the Last Chance Cat Ranch, specifically the Stop Order that was issued.

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With regards,  
Sarah Lindemann  
841 11 St S  
Lethbridge AB T1J 2P6

**From:** Dani Lounsbury <danidexter1999@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 13, 2022 12:04 AM  
**To:** David Sarsfield <David.Sarsfield@lethbridge.ca>  
**Subject:** [External] Save the Last Chance Cat Ranch

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Good evening Mr. Sarsfield,

My name is Dani Lounsbury, I am a proud volunteer at the Last Chance Cat Ranch here in Lethbridge. I volunteer my time to the Last Chance Cat Ranch two to three times a week outside of my full time schooling at Lethbridge College. I do have a very busy schedule with my education but I see great value in donating my spare time to such an amazing organization.

This rescue rehabilitates cats of all ages, temperaments, and health conditions and strives to ensure every cat is given the second chance at a new life it truly deserves. Every decision that has been made at this rescue is made with the cats at the forefront and what's best for them. Each of us volunteers love and care for these cats as if they are family. The facility is always kept in a neat and tidy fashion to ensure the best quality of life for our cats, and to ensure the building is safe for volunteers and potential adopters alike.

This rescue has operated in it's current building for the past 18 years with no issues until the neighbour Josh moved in next door and has created an issue with every little thing that goes into the operation of the ranch. I don't understand how the complaints of one person can bring down an entire organization that has done a necessary service for the city of Lethbridge for several years. Tell me how it is okay for Josh to have cameras pointed at our facility to monitor every person coming and going from our facility? How we can't park on a public street in front of his house in fear that we might anger him? We have tip toed around this man ever since he moved in next door to try to keep the peace, and for what? Now our entire organization is on the brink of being shutdown because of this man and his childish behaviour.

I ask you this, how does the city of Lethbridge plan to manage and care for the growing epidemic of stray cats if the Last Chance Cat Ranch is forced to close? How many complaints do you think you'll have with the rising numbers of homeless cat populations after we are gone? I can guarantee it'll be substantially more than what you're getting now with regards to the ranch. No other rescue takes in the sheer volumes of cats we do... what will come of these cats if we aren't here to deal with this rising problem for you?

Whether you want to admit it or not, the Last Chance Cat Ranch, Elizabeth, and every volunteer does a necessary service to the city of Lethbridge, without us you will have a substantial problem on your hands.

I ask you to please reconsider the stop order that has been issued. Think about Elizabeth who is fighting cancer at the moment, who's life's work has gone into this ranch and saving these cats, all of which is now under attack. Think of each of us volunteers who look forward to putting in our spare time each week to be with these cats and our fellow volunteers. And most importantly, think about all the cats of the past, present and future that LCCR has provided sanctuary to, cared for, and found loving homes for. We at LCCR are family and we will continue to fight for our family until this whole situation has been made right.

See you at the appeal.

Sincerely ,

Dani Lounsbury  
4 Micmac Court West  
Lethbridge, AB  
T1K 7P9

Remember these faces when you make your decision. What will happen to them and many others like them?









**From:** [Warren Lyckman](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Cc:** [thelccr@gmail.com](mailto:thelccr@gmail.com); [Office of the Mayor](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Last Chance Cat Ranch Order  
**Date:** Monday, March 7, 2022 11:42:13 AM

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Hi Mr. Sarsfield

I am writing with regard to the Stop Order issued to the LCCR and the addendum restricting the number of volunteers to 2 per day and the number of food deliveries to 7.

LCCR has operated at this location for close to two decades and now suddenly there is a problem with their operations. The operations of LCCR has been well known to the City through this period of time and no actions have been taken by the City to terminate or limit these operations. If the operations of LCCR are not in compliance with the zoning why has the City not taken any action until now?

LCCR is a volunteer organization that provides a valuable service to the community helping cats that have been lost or abandoned by their owner. The services provided by LCCR are valuable to the community in reducing the number of homeless cats and the associated problems that arise. In terms of homeless cats LCCR has the greatest impact of any animal welfare organizations in the community including the other volunteer organizations and the City's Animal Control and Shelter.

The limit on the number of volunteers to two, visiting the premises each day, is inadequate. A greater number of volunteers than two is needed to properly care for the cats and provide the services needed. Likewise the limitation of food deliveries to 1 per week seems arbitrary and overbearing. Again it must be emphasized that these are volunteers. The City's measures are going to result in volunteer frustration, disillusionment and burn-out. It seems to me that these measures will result in the failure of LCCR to not only properly care for the cats within this sanctuary but may ultimately result in the failure of the organization. Will the City be a better place without LCCR?

I have passed by the LCCR site many times both on foot and by vehicle. On these occasions I haven't noticed any sign of high volume traffic flow or any disturbance or activity that would be unusual to a typical residential area in the City. The premises fit well within the neighborhood and to the casual passerby is not readily identifiable as anything other than another residence in the community.

I urge the City to revisit the restrictions outlined in the addendum and to reconsider the Stop Order itself. LCCR has already started to fund raise for an alternate facility. LCCR has had enough difficulty raising the necessary funding to operate in their current facility never mind the additional burden of raising funds for a new facility. The City should be seeking ways that they can help LCCR rather than imposing measures that will reduce the effectiveness of this group of volunteers.

Thank you for your consideration of the above.

Regards

Warren Lyckman, CPM®, MBA  
663 Marie Van Haarlem Cr. N.  
Lethbridge, AB T1H 6Y9  
Phone 403-327-9081

**From:** [Brenda Lynde](#)  
**To:** [City of Lethbridge - Planning & Design](#)  
**Cc:** [David Sarsfield](#); [Office of the Mayor](#); [Office of Council](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Stop Order of LCCR  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 9, 2022 10:01:05 AM

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This is wrong on many levels, but will try and focus on just a few.

The city had a chance to do something when she had the fire, but did not , and that same bylaw which you are now using was in effect then, so the City is picking and choosing

to enforce bylaws for certain citizens?

I believe he moved in when it was a vacant lot, should have done his research as the saying goes "Buyer Beware"

Page 2 a. Cease all emissions of offensive odors entering neighbourhood properties.....I live in Lethbridge where the wind blows quite frequently, I do not know where you people

live because if the wind blows in my neighbourhood I am sure it is blowing all over the City. I would like your personal phone no. Angela, as I deal with offensive odours

of wood burning fireplaces and in the summer fire pits. Was told to shut my windows by the City so I guess you could suggest the same to him, and we have health issues in

this house.

Maybe council would like to rescind the back yard fire pit bylaw? Do you understand what a silly statement you said, as it is air and there will be a lot of offensive odours

that are out there. Next time there is a offensive odour I will be contracting you, and then we can develop a plan for addressing them.

b. Since when did the City become facebook police? Very dictatorship statement, I thought we lived in a democracy? Not very transparent, like the City keeps saying how transparent they are (not). Are not group homes allowed more than 2 volunteers per day, as they are in residential areas.

Maybe the City can find a suitable space for her, as I am sure we have some real estate that the City owns that would be suitable.

I have reservations that council will get this due to the fact of one e-mail address, and a gatekeeper .

Brenda Lynde

**From:** [Mark & Heather McCloy](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Support of Last Chance Cat Ranch - Please Pass on to Appeals  
**Date:** Sunday, March 6, 2022 7:25:02 PM

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing this letter in support of the Last Chance Cat Ranch (LCCR).

I have been a volunteer with the Last Chance Cat Ranch for over 5 years now, and I have seen hundreds of cats through the years who are injured, severely ill, emaciated, feral, and homeless come to LCCR for help - cats that would have been turned away by many other shelters, including the city shelter. They are nursed back to health, socialized to humans, and adopted into their forever homes. They are given a "last chance" at life.

The conditions that have been imposed upon LCCR are harsh and cruel. In regards to condition #1: that only two volunteers per day be allowed at the house - it is absolutely insane. It takes at minimum three to four volunteers in the morning as well as in the evening to properly care for these cats. There is feeding, cleaning litter boxes, administering medication to sick cats (which sometimes requires medications 3-4 times daily), vet visits, laundry, general cleaning, and the list goes on and on. As the saying goes, "It takes a village".

A single person cannot possibly take on all of these responsibilities, and to mandate as such is tantamount to animal abuse and neglect. Simply put, this order must be rescinded.

The City of Lethbridge has claimed that they care for our stray cat population, however these unfair and arbitrary actions taken against LCCR are proving otherwise. Thousands of cats have been taken in by LCCR over the years, and should they be forced to shut down, the city will have an even worse "cat problem" on their hands than the one that is already present.

The Last Chance Cat Ranch is an absolutely fantastic non-profit organization that has helped homeless cats all over Southern Alberta for nearly 20 years. I am extremely proud to be part of it.

Sincerely,  
Heather McCloy

217 Oxford Road W  
Lethbridge, AB

**From:** [Kennedy McCloy](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Support for Last Chance Cat Ranch  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 8, 2022 10:24:09 AM

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing you today on behalf of the Last Chance Cat Ranch, specifically the Stop Order that was issued. I have been a volunteer with LCCR since January 2017. In this time I have seen hundreds of cats rescued by this fantastic organization. These cats would not be alive were it not for LCCR, as many of these cats were turned away by the City shelter, and would have had nowhere else to go.

The additional order of only 2 volunteers per day is arbitrary and grossly inadequate. This order is encouraging animal abuse and neglect, not to mention that it would put the house itself into a neglectful situation as well. Two people cannot possibly manage what needs to be done. Every day we have 3-4 volunteers in the morning and in the evening. Duties we take on include feeding the cats, cleaning litterboxes, laundry, medicating cats that require it (sometimes up to 3/4 times per day is required), filling water bowls, vacuuming, mopping, vet visits. This list goes on and on. Simply put, unless the city wishes to condone animal abuse, this order needs to be rescinded. Lethbridge is a city that says they care deeply about the stray cat problem, however, these actions taken against LCCR are proving otherwise.

The additional order of food delivery every 7 days is also arbitrary and creates yet another layer of hardship as this organization strives to maintain the rescue. This order needs to be rescinded.

The Last Chance Cat Ranch has operated out of that same location for 18 years. As a supporter it is difficult to comprehend why suddenly they are targeted and forced to vacate even if they are in violation of a bylaw. It also baffles me as to why the complaints of a single neighbour have gone this far. Particularly as this neighbour has threatened and harassed volunteers, including myself.

Last Chance has done so much good work for the City of Lethbridge and the homeless and neglected cats in the city and surrounding areas.

If the city truly believes that LCCR is a "valued service in our community", as all the council members have copied and pasted in their statements, the city, surely could find a way to help them.

Thank you for your time,

Kennedy McCloy  
217 Oxford Road W, Lethbridge, AB

**From:** [Daryan McDonald](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] LCCR Stop Order  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 8, 2022 6:21:20 PM

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I am writing you on behalf of the Last Chance Cat Ranch, specifically the Stop Order that was issued.

The additional order of only 2 volunteers per day is arbitrary and grossly inadequate. This order is putting the cats in care in a neglectful situation as is the house itself. Two people cannot possibly manage what needs to be done. This order needs to be rescinded.

The additional order of food delivery every 7 days is also arbitrary and creates yet another layer of hardship as this organization strives to maintain the rescue. This order needs to be rescinded.

The Last Chance Cat Ranch has operated out of that same location for 18 years. As a supporter it is difficult to comprehend why suddenly they are targeted and forced to vacate even if they are in violation of a bylaw. This should have been dealt with many, many years ago. They have done so much good work for the City of Lethbridge and the homeless and neglected cats in the city and surrounding areas. The city, surely could find a way to help them.

Two years ago I adopted a cat from LCCR. He was a street cat on the brink of death and they nursed him back to health and saved his life. This whole situation seems rather unnecessary and honestly a smear campaign. Anyone who has dealt with this organization knows that they will go above and beyond to help cats who otherwise would not have a chance at a happy life.

I implore you to rescind this arbitrary order,

Daryan McDonald

1264 29th St N Apt 315 Lethbridge AB T1H 7H5

**From:** [Natalie McLean](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] LCCR  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 22, 2022 2:00:11 PM

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City of Lethbridge  
City clerk David Sarsfield  
Dear Sir,

I am writing you on behalf of the Last Chance Cat Ranch, specifically the Stop Order that was issued.

The additional order of only 2 volunteers per day is arbitrary and grossly inadequate. This order is putting the cats in care in a neglectful situation as is the house itself. Two people cannot possibly manage what needs to be done. This order needs to be rescinded.

The additional order of food delivery every 7 days is also arbitrary and creates yet another layer of hardship as this organization strives to maintain the rescue. This order needs to be rescinded.

The Last Chance Cat Ranch has operated out of that same location for 18 years. As a supporter it is difficult to comprehend why suddenly they are targeted and forced to vacate even if they are in violation of a bylaw. This should have been dealt with many, many years ago. They have done so much good work for the City of Lethbridge and the homeless and neglected cats in the city and surrounding areas. The city, surely could find a way to help them.

**In these very troubling times on this planet it is time we showed some compassion to the innocent animals that mean no harm to anyone. Animals that are cute for a few weeks and then discarded like garbage or worn out toy. There have been many respected people and organizations that have supported the Last Chance Cat Ranch through the years and now all their efforts seem disrespected by the powers that be. This is not how we run a carrying city or society. I implore you to please give this organization a chance to do good community work ....it's as they are named ....Last Chance.....before what...death to these innocents**

Regards Natalie Mclean  
Lethbridge  
Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Brittany McPhee](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Last Chance Cat Ranch  
**Date:** Monday, March 7, 2022 4:21:04 PM

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My name is Brittany McPhee

Address 23 Fairmont Place South Lethbridge

I am writing you on behalf of the Last Chance Cat Ranch, specifically the Stop Order that was issued.

The Last Chance Cat Ranch has rescued so many kittens and cats that people neglect because they're heartless.

Without the Last Chance Cat Ranch, cats will suffer and more than likely die. There are so many people who don't spay and neuter their cats which results in hundreds of homeless cats. Lethbridge has done nothing to try and help the homeless cat situation, and shutting down the LCCR is NOT going to help. Please consider the lives of the cats in this city! We just adopted from the LCCR last month, and they are phenomenal! They do such work that most people wouldn't even attempt! I commend them, and I hope the city of Lethbridge cares enough to help the LCCR.

The additional order of only 2 volunteers per day is arbitrary and grossly inadequate. This order is putting the cats in care in a neglectful situation as is the house itself. Two people cannot possibly manage what needs to be done.

This order needs to be rescinded.

The additional order of food delivery every 7 days is also arbitrary and creates yet another layer of hardship as this organization strives to maintain the rescue. This order needs to be rescinded.

The Last Chance Cat Ranch has operated out of that same location for 18 years. As a supporter it is difficult to comprehend why suddenly they are targeted and forced to vacate even if they are in violation of a bylaw. This should have been dealt with many, many years ago. They have done so much good work for the City of Lethbridge and the homeless and neglected cats in the city and surrounding areas. The city, surely could find a way to help them.

Thank you for reading this, and plenty take the cats and kittens livelihoods into consideration.

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Mary-Anne McTrowe](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] appeal on behalf of Last Chance Cat Ranch  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 23, 2022 10:38:13 AM

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To the Appeals Board-

I am writing to you on behalf of the Last Chance Cat Ranch, specifically the Stop Order that was issued at the beginning of March this year.

The LCCR is unique in Southern Alberta in that it is a no-kill facility. This means they are willing to take in any cat in need, no matter what the animal needs to thrive. They find foster families and adopt out the cats whenever they can. They are run entirely by volunteers and without grants or stable funding rely on fundraisers and donations to fund the cats' care, and cannot simply pick up and move to another area of the city

The order of only 2 volunteers per day is arbitrary, grossly inadequate, and needs to be rescinded. This order is putting the Cats in care in a neglectful situation, as is the house itself. Two people cannot possibly manage what needs to be done, which includes administering medication multiple times a day and frequent feeding of cats with special meal requirements. A number of cats in the care of the LCCR need much more hands-on care than can be provided by only 2 people.

The additional order of food delivery every 7 days is also arbitrary and creates yet another layer of hardship as this organization strives to maintain the rescue. This order, too, needs to be rescinded.

The Last Chance Cat Ranch has operated out of that same location for 18 years. As a supporter, it is difficult to comprehend why suddenly they are targeted and forced to vacate after being judged compliant in July of 2021. The LCCR has done so much good work for the City of Lethbridge and the homeless and neglected cats in the city and surrounding areas. The City, surely, could find a way to help them to find a place they can afford, rather than throwing them out into the cold. Again, they have in the recent past been deemed compliant, and have occupied the same place for the last 18 years- I don't believe that the Stop Order is fair treatment.

thank you,  
Mary-Anne McTrowe  
710 11Ave South  
Lethbridge, AB  
T1K 0H7  
403-593-0597

**From:** [Ashley Miedema](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] LCCR  
**Date:** Monday, March 7, 2022 12:49:11 AM

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Mr. Sarsfield,

I am writing you on behalf of the Last Chance Cat Ranch, specifically the Stop Order that was issued. The additional order of only 2 volunteers per day is arbitrary and grossly inadequate. This order is putting the cats in care in a neglectful situation as is the house itself. Two people cannot possibly manage what needs to be done. This order needs to be rescinded.

The additional order of food delivery every 7 days is also arbitrary and creates yet another layer of hardship as this organization strives to maintain the rescue. This order needs to be rescinded.

The Last Chance Cat Ranch has operated out of that same location for 18 years. As a supporter it is difficult to comprehend why suddenly they are targeted and forced to vacate even if they are in violation of a bylaw. This should have been dealt with many, many years ago. They have done so much good work for the City of Lethbridge and the homeless and neglected cats in the city and surrounding areas. The city, surely could find a way to help them.

These cats are living beings, unable to care for themselves. Lethbridge has a large homeless and feral cat population and without this wonderful organization, this problem can only become worse. It seems to me this organization is being targeted due to ONE person in the neighborhood complaining! How is it right and just to put many cats in the way of harm and neglect due to the complaints of one person?

The people who run and volunteer for this rescue are kind caring hard working people who want nothing but to keep cats safe and off the streets.

I do ask you to reconsider this decision, as I feel it will be devastating to the cat population of Lethbridge!

I am including my name and address so my letter can be forwarded to the appeals board.

Thank you,

Ashley Miedema  
392 Thyrsa Burkitt Link  
Lethbridge, AB  
T1H 5M5

**From:** [Sidney Mousley](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Cc:** [thelccr@gmail.com](mailto:thelccr@gmail.com)  
**Subject:** [External] Last Chance Cat Ranch: Stop Order  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 8, 2022 3:12:17 AM

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Dear David & City of Lethbridge,

My name is Sidney Mousley and I live at 458 Twinriver Rd W Lethbridge, AB T1J 2G9.

*[I have worked for the City of Lethbridge during the Census, Provincial election, and Federal election. I have volunteered my time at your City of Lethbridge Animal Shelter on 41st N. I have studied at both the University of Lethbridge and Lethbridge College. I have helped run fundraisers, events, and volunteered in the community where I can. I am a proud and active resident of Lethbridge. But the **Stop Order** issued to **Last Chance Cat Ranch** ("LCCR") is abhorrent. I am embarrassed and disgusted by my city. I plead you to educate yourself on the impact this organization has not only to Lethbridge cats but to cats across Southern Alberta. Shutting down this Non-profit will be a tragedy and something I could never forgive the City of Lethbridge for.]*

I am writing to you on behalf of the Last Chance Cat Ranch, specifically the Stop Order that was issued.

The additional order of only 2 volunteers per day is arbitrary and grossly inadequate. This order is putting the cats in care in a neglectful situation as is the house itself. Two people cannot possibly manage what needs to be done. This order needs to be rescinded.

The additional order of food delivery every 7 days is also arbitrary and creates yet another layer of hardship as this organization strives to maintain the rescue. This order needs to be rescinded.

The Last Chance Cat Ranch has operated out of that same location for 18 years. As

a supporter it is difficult to comprehend why suddenly they are targeted and forced to vacate even if they are in violation of a bylaw. This should have been dealt with many, many years ago. They have done so much good work for the City of Lethbridge and the homeless and neglected cats in the city and surrounding areas. The city, surely could find a way to help them.

Regards,

**Sidney Mousley**

**From:** [Wes Neels](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External]  
**Date:** Thursday, March 10, 2022 8:02:21 PM

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Hello,

I am writing you on behalf of the Last Chance Cat Ranch, specifically the Stop Order that was issued.

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The additional order of food delivery every 7 days is also arbitrary and creates yet another layer of hardship as this organization strives to maintain the rescue. This order needs to be rescinded.

The Last Chance Cat Ranch has operated out of that same location for going on 18 years. As a supporter it is difficult to comprehend why suddenly they are targeted and forced to vacate even if they are in violation of a bylaw. This should have been dealt with many, many years ago. They have done so much good work for the City of Lethbridge and the homeless and neglected cats in the city and surrounding areas. The city, surely could find a way to help them.

Thanks,

Wesley James Neels

875 Greywolf Run N  
Lethbridge, AB T1H 7G6

**From:** [Jane Nygaard](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Last Chance Rescue  
**Date:** Monday, March 7, 2022 9:09:16 AM

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Hello:

I am writing to let you know that I have been to the old cat ranch and now to the new one. I have know Elizabeth for many years and find that they have a facility one would think the city as well as the neighbours would be proud of. I would also like to say that these volunteers take many hours of their own personal time to help these cats, that being said some of the cats there are not adoptable and can live their lives out being loved and cared for. I cannot believe that one neighbour has the gall to be able to complain about this very well run organization. It seems to me that this person would complain about anything just to hear themselves complain. This organization is run by volunteers and very well kept. He is saying that the tarps bother him and this and that. I live on the North Side and have Tarps and want to be garage tarps everywhere and we live with it as some people are doing the best that they can. My suggestion to this person you have no empathy and you will bitch about anything in your neighbourhood no matter what. Leave these people alone and go on to work on some other big issues are city is haveing like the homelessness and the drug activity and them actually stealing out of our yards.

Jane Nygaard

**From:** [Jane Nygaard](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Last Chance Cat Ranch  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 9, 2022 4:12:33 PM

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I am writing you on behalf of the Last Chance Cat Ranch, specifically the Stop Order that was issued.

I have personally volunteered with Elizabeth and can't imagine how the city can turn their backs on such a great organization or not even help this organization get a building. I am appalled at this; I have been with Elizabeth in the evenings and cold winter days and nights out trapping and helping people with their cats. This is a slap in the face and I can't believe that the city won't let more volunteers in the house. You are talking about animals lives and because of one neighbour not liking the way they run things!!! WOW!!!! I think you should all be ashamed of yourselves by picking on this organization. I thought with our new council that there would be more help and understanding, I am so sorry I voted the way I did as this house was not bothering anyone. I can say how outraged I am at the city for not standing up for this organization or helping her get another building. I am ashamed that I live in this city full of people who think they are better than one person helping animals and you should be ashamed.

The additional order of only 2 volunteers per day is arbitrary and grossly inadequate. This order is putting the cats in care in a neglectful situation as is the house itself. Two people cannot possibly manage what needs to be done. This order needs to be rescinded.

The additional order of food delivery every 7 days is also arbitrary and creates yet another layer of hardship as this organization strives to maintain the rescue. This order needs to be rescinded.

The Last Chance Cat Ranch has operated out of that same location for 18 years. As a supporter it is difficult to comprehend why suddenly they are targeted and forced to vacate even if they are in violation of a bylaw. This should have been dealt with many, many years ago. They have done so much good work for the City of Lethbridge and the homeless and neglected cats in the city and surrounding areas. The city, surely could find a way to help them.

Jane Nygaard  
2013 - 23 Street North  
Lethbridge, Alberta  
T1H 4K3  
403 332-2655

Thursday March 4,  
2022

To Whom It May Concern;

This letter is in support for  
the Last Chance Cat Ranch.  
My adult disabled son has  
been volunteering there for  
the past five years. He would  
socialize and pet the cats. He  
loved it there. This activity has  
been very therapeutic for him.  
He would always be very calm  
and peaceful after being there.  
Every week he looked forward  
to going and it made him feel  
like he was contributing to society  
by volunteering. He is very

disappointed that he can  
not go there. We hope the  
issues regarding the house can  
be resolved quickly.

Thank you,

Evelyn Osaka

Kent Yamabaki

154 Heritage Crt W  
Lethbridge  
AB

**From:** [KB\\_X](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Last Chance Cat Ranch  
**Date:** Saturday, March 5, 2022 2:06:43 PM

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Dear Sir,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Last Chance Cat Ranch in regards to the stop order that has been issued for their operations. Rescues like Last Chance are vital in the care of stray and feral cats in the city as the city itself clearly doesn't have the necessary funding and services to care for the number of animals that need help every year.

Further, the additional orders limiting their operations to two volunteers per day and food delivery every seven days is extremely inadequate. Animals in their care often require careful monitoring and medications, and lack of staffing to care for and feed the animals in their facility risks leading to a neglectful situation that is completely avoidable and would be a direct result of the city's orders.

As Last Chance Cat Ranch has been operating out of the same facility for 18 years, and given the incredible contribution they have provided in caring for injured and stray animals in that time, I can only imagine that it would be to the community's benefit that the city do their utmost to assist last Chance and come up with a solution that will be to everyone's benefit rather than dismissing the vital service they provide as a nuisance. Until such time that the city has the ability to care for all the injured and lost animals that need help we will continue to rely on rescues like The Last Chance Cat Ranch, as no stop order will stop the number of cats that need help.

Thank you for taking the time and necessary consideration on this matter, and I look forward to an adequate solution being found.

Kelsey Oxley

1256 4th Ave S  
Lethbridge, AB T1J 0R2

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Laura Payne](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] LAST CHANCE CAT RANCH  
**Date:** Sunday, March 20, 2022 10:18:40 PM

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I am writing to you on behalf of the Last Chance Cat Ranch, specifically the Stop Order that was issued.

The Last Chance Cat Ranch has operated out of that same location for going on 18 years. As a supporter, it is difficult to comprehend why suddenly they are targeted and forced to vacate even if they are in violation of a bylaw. Why is ONE neighbor the deciding factor in this decision? This should have been dealt with many, many years ago. They have done so much good work for the City of Lethbridge and the homeless and neglected cats in the city and surrounding areas. The City of Calgary is able to provide a spay and neuter program for a city of 1.3 million, why can't the city of Lethbridge provide a program? The city of Calgary personally provides services for at least 1000 animals every year; where is this city spending our money? The city has been filled with pointless roundabouts and art installations, yet, you'll let living animals suffer? It makes me wonder where The City of Lethbridge's ethics really lay. The city surely could find a way to provide assistance to these animals or provide this charity with the means to do so.

The additional order of only 2 volunteers per day is arbitrary and grossly inadequate. This order is putting the cats in care in a neglectful situation as is the house itself. Two people cannot possibly manage what needs to be done. This order needs to be rescinded. As a person who has personally adopted cats with special needs, I know firsthand how much care and attention they need. On top of this, COVID-19 regulations have ended. It's completely erratic to continue to use this as an excuse.

The additional order of food delivery every 7 days is also arbitrary and creates yet another layer of hardship as this organization strives to maintain the rescue. This order needs to be rescinded. The Last Chance Cat Ranch is constantly receiving food donations and needs this food to keep these cats healthy. Some of the cats who are on special medication (like a human) need to have food while they take it.

By taking these cat's facility, volunteers, and food rights away you are putting their lives in jeopardy. If the city continues with this decision, there will be more problems than we originally started with.

Laura Payne

1807 20<sup>th</sup> Street South  
Lethbridge, AB  
T1K 2G1

**From:** [Chaplain Erin](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Last Chance Cat Rescue  
**Date:** Friday, March 11, 2022 11:31:14 AM

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Dear Mr. Sarsfield,

I was appalled to read that the city is trying to shut down the LCCR. I've supported them for years. They do excellent work and provide a much needed service to our community. But besides that, they create connection and community ties in our city which right now are sorely lacking. Frankly, lately, the City of Lethbridge has seemed to be a meanspirited and cold place. The LCCR is one group encouraging kindness and generosity. The City has to find a way to rectify the situation.

The Rev'd Canon Erin Phillips  
(she/her)  
Chaplain, Ecumenical Campus Ministry, Lethbridge  
Incumbent, St. Theodore's Anglican Church, Taber  
Co-ordinator Refugee Committee, Anglican Diocese of Calgary  
403 382 0294

The University of Lethbridge, Lethbridge College, and St. Theodore's Anglican Church stand on the traditional territory of the Blackfoot Confederacy

**From:** [Teri Pickering](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] No kill program  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 9, 2022 9:55:39 AM

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I am appalled and disappointed to hear that this program is being closed, almost immediately! These animals are beneficial for so many different reason's. Animals are companions, they can help people (elderly, disabled, depressed ect) more than our medical system. Instead of shoving these people onto pills and other form's of mental attempts, in so many cases... a pet would do wonders! Let's keep this program open and operating successfully, and get the people who are scamming others responsible for their actions!

Teri Pickering  
840 12th street North  
Lethbridge,AB  
T1H 2H6

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Melaina Plester](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] In favour of Last Chance Cat Ranch continuing operation before the Stop order.  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 8, 2022 6:31:32 PM

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To whom it may concern:  
David Sarsfield etc.

I am writing you on behalf of the Last Chance Cat Ranch, specifically the Stop Order that was issued.

Allowing only 2 volunteers per day is arbitrary and grossly inadequate. This order is putting the cats in care in a neglectful situation as is the house itself. Two people cannot possibly manage what needs to be done. This order needs to be rescinded. I have a home business across the street from me that has up to 7 clients per day, plus the 2 home owners, the person that does the child care as well as numerous friends and family after appointment hours. Why is that allowed? That accounts for 10 people on average per day. How is this different?

The additional order of food delivery every 7 days is also arbitrary and creates yet another layer of hardship as this organization strives to maintain the rescue. This order needs to be rescinded. I also have neighbors that get 2 or 3 deliveries some days. FedEx, Purolater, Canada Post and whom ever does Amazon deliveries. This doesn't seem to be an issue.

I personally have supported the Last Chance Cat Ranch both through donations and purchases of fund raising items over the years . It frustrates me that one citizen of the city of Lethbridge is able to make enough of an issue that LCCR be forced to vacate even if they are in violation of a bylaw, yet in my neighbourhood we had many complainants and that home business is still operating. The loudest voice wins. Shameful. LCCR has done so much good work for the City of Lethbridge and the homeless and neglected cats both in the city and surrounding areas.

City of Lethbridge..... DO BETTER!

Sincerely,

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**From:** [Sue Racine](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Last Change Cat Ranch stop order.  
**Date:** Thursday, March 24, 2022 8:57:38 PM

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I am writing you on behalf of the Last Chance Cat Ranch, specifically the Stop Order that was issued.

The additional order of only 2 volunteers per day is arbitrary and grossly inadequate. This order is putting the cats in care in a neglectful situation as is the house itself. Two people cannot possibly manage what needs to be done. This order needs to be rescinded.

The additional order of food delivery every 7 days is also arbitrary and creates yet another layer of hardship as this organization strives to maintain the rescue. This order needs to be rescinded.

The Last Chance Cat Ranch has operated out of that same location for 18 years. As a supporter it is difficult to comprehend why suddenly they are targeted and forced to vacate even if they are in violation of a bylaw. This should have been dealt with many, many years ago. They have done so much good work for the City of Lethbridge and the homeless and neglected cats in the city and surrounding areas. The city, surely could find a way to help them.

Furthermore, the Last Chance Cat Ranch keeps many strays off the streets and works to spay and neuter them, reducing the number of new strays being added to the neighborhood.

Sincerely,  
Sue Racine  
118 Ermineglen Bay N

31 Coachwood Road  
Lethbridge, Ab T1K 6B7

March 23, 2022

David Sarsfield, City Clerk  
City of Lethbridge

Dear Mr. Sarsfield,

This letter is in support of the Last Chance Cat Ranch and to register my concern with the Stop Order issued. I also have concern with the additional order that curtails volunteers and food delivery services. I have only attended the location of LCCR a couple of times but found it clean, organized and odor free. This is due to the hard work of the volunteers.

I understand there are neighbor issues and agree that while the location may not be ideal, it should also not be viewed as more of a problem than many other activities that happen in neighborhoods which some individuals may find bothersome, annoying or even disagreeable. My neighbor's kids play basketball hoops till 11pm at night, other neighbors have adult children who always park in front of my house rather than in their parents driveway, some people who don't pick up after their dog, there are teenagers whose music is too loud. It's a neighborhood! Unless something is a health issue, or actually dangerous people have to give and take. That is the basis of living in a community.

The orders regarding volunteer numbers and food delivery appear punitive. The demand to find an alternate location will be a substantial challenge, but to create additional burdens on the volunteers who already work so hard to take care of these animals is vindictive. Placing additional restrictions on them is unfair and unnecessary. The teenagers in my neighborhood come and go a lot more than twice a day. As did their customers when my neighbors still ran their home-based business.

I don't believe the City of Lethbridge does enough for the protection and care of animals in the city. I am not seeing any effort from the City to work with LCCR to resolve any issues. All responsibility is pushed to volunteers. Now these people must spend their time and effort defending their work rather than taking care of animals. As a citizen I find it shameful.

Regards  
Deb Rakos

**From:** [Chelsey Rathwell](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#); [Lloyd Brierley](#); [Office of the Mayor](#); [Office of Council](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Support for LCCR  
**Date:** Saturday, March 5, 2022 10:01:48 AM

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Submitting this again as I omitted my address in the first email. My apologies for the duplication.

-Chelsey Rathwell  
482 Highlands Blvd W., unit 3  
Lethbridge AB  
T1J 5K5

Dear Sir & Madam:

I am writing to you regarding the recent actions of the City of Lethbridge. After 18 years of knowing the location of the Last Chance Cat Ranch (LCCR), the City of Lethbridge has decided that LCCR is operating under Bylaw 6300 "Animal Care, Major". Now? After all this time and previous complaints against LCCR have been investigated and all have been deemed nonstarters?

According to City of Lethbridge Bylaw 6300 the city is saying that LCCR: "perform health care research and treatment, boarding, breeding or training of animals". LCCR may provide veterinary prescribed medications to cats, but this is no more than any responsible pet owner would do for their own animal after a visit to the vet. As for boarding, no. Cats are not brought to LCCR by their owners who pay for them to stay a short time and are cared for and receive meals during that time.

The stop order restrictions the City has placed on LCCR are unachievable and unsustainable. This order puts the cats in care in a neglectful situation and the house itself. Two people cannot possibly manage what needs to be done. In no way is it possible to perform all the duties and complete the work needed to maintain the health and safety of the cats and property maintenance. This would, undoubtedly, lead to an animal abuse or neglect charge. This order needs to be rescinded.

The additional order of food delivery every 7 days is also arbitrary and creates yet another layer of hardship while LCCR strives to maintain the rescue. LCCR has many cats in foster and needs a space to collect things like large food donations so they can then be distributed out. Let alone the food needed for the feeding of the cats in the intake house. Again, this order needs to be rescinded.

This is a concerning about-face from the city. Over the last 18 years LCCR has taken in thousands of cats that otherwise would be roaming throughout the City of Lethbridge and Lethbridge County. LCCR has asked for no funding from the city during this time. The work has cost the taxpayer nothing but has only benefited the city and it's taxpayers by removing roaming and homeless cats from the streets, spaying and neutering them so no further kittens are born, providing medical care to the cats when needed, and finding these animals permanent homes.

I can't imagine the total cost, but over the last 18 years it must be in the millions. Millions that the city run animal shelter has not had to absorb. Millions that have not been passed on to the taxpayer fund through property tax increases.

There is so much LCCR has done, so much good work for the City of Lethbridge and the homeless and neglected cats in the city and surrounding areas.

Surely, the City could find a way to help LCCR.

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Chelsey Rathwell, a dedicated supporter and volunteer of the Last Chance Cat Ranch.

482 Highlands Blvd W., unit 3  
Lethbridge AB  
T1J 5K5

**From:** [colleen.redmond](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] LCCR  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 9, 2022 9:12:07 PM

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Please take in to consideration revoking the stop order for the Cat ranch. Surely some common sense can be used in this situation, and in allowing them to operate as they see fit. They bring so much to our community, and should be praised and thanked instead of having to deal with issues such as this.

Sincerely,  
Colleen Redmond  
638-11 st  
Lethbridge,AB  
T1J2P2

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Laura Tupper](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Concern Regarding Last Chance Cat Ranch  
**Date:** Sunday, March 6, 2022 9:26:54 PM

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Dear Members of the Appeals Board,

I am writing you on behalf of the Last Chance Cat Ranch, specifically the Stop Order that was issued.

I am deeply concerned and disappointed in the additions to the stop order. Specifically, only 2 volunteers per day and food delivery every 7 days.

Limiting only two volunteers per day is putting the cats in care in a neglectful and dangerous situation.

Two people cannot possibly manage what needs to be done. There are cats that require medications three times daily. There are cats that require frequent dressing changes to adequately address infected wounds. These are just two simple examples. This order needs to be rescinded immediately.

The additional order of food delivery every 7 days is also arbitrary and creates yet another layer of hardship as this organization strives to maintain the rescue. The intake of cats in crisis and distress do not occur on a schedule. The rescue will take in a cat in dire need when that need is identified. As such, limiting food delivery to every 7 days does not allow for fluctuations in food needs for cats in need of care when all others in the city turn their backs to these vulnerable animals. This order needs to be rescinded immediately.

I respect that the rescue is in violation of a bylaw regarding the premise. I respect that there has been a complaint(s) brought forward and as such, the rescue must relocate. The original requirement of one year is very fair and reasonable. However, these additions to the order are unreasonable, unjust, and only serve to impact and harm the vulnerable cats that so many in Lethbridge have already ignored.

I do not wish to believe the City would not only stand by as animals experience neglect and hardships, let alone be the ones directly responsible for this sudden, unnecessary stop order that result in these cats not receiving the care needed for their well-being, safety, and comfort. These arbitrary, unfounded stop orders must be rescinded immediately.

Sincerely,  
Laura Samuelson  
1-414 Highlands Blvd W.  
Lethbridge, Alberta  
T1J 5K5  
(587)220-7886

**From:** [Jason Sandau](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Last Chance Cat Ranch Stop Order Appeal  
**Date:** Saturday, March 5, 2022 12:36:44 PM

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Hello,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Last Chance Cat Ranch, specifically the Stop Order that was issued.

The additional order of only 2 volunteers per day is arbitrary and grossly inadequate. This order is putting the Cats in care in a neglectful situation, as is the house itself. Two people cannot possibly manage what needs to be done. This order needs to be rescinded.

The additional order of food delivery every 7 days is also arbitrary and creates yet another layer of hardship as this organization strives to maintain the rescue. This order needs to be rescinded.

The Last Chance Cat Ranch has operated out of that same location for 18 years. They have done so much good work for the City of Lethbridge and the homeless and neglected Cats in the city and surrounding areas. The city, surely could find a way to help them, perhaps by helping them find adequate and proper space.

The city's animal shelter is always at max capacity and the Last Chance Cat Ranch provides the many poor cats from around southern Alberta a place to find life rather than having cats roaming the streets, the Last Chance Cat Ranch provides foster homes and places for these cats.

Forcing Last Chance Cat Ranch to close is, quite frankly, animal neglect as it will force the poor cats to be homeless with no one to take care of them.

It is baffling that the city would target an organization that is only helping the city and it's residents and not asking for anything in return. Closing the Last Chance Cat Ranch will only do harm to the city, as the number of homeless and stray cats will exponentially increase.

I sincerely hope that the city will recind the stop order and let the Last Chance Cat Ranch continue to operate.

Thank You,

Jason Sandau  
3-266 Couleesprings Terrace South  
Lethbridge, AB

**From:** [Rebecca Seely](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#); [Rebecca Seely](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Stop Order Last Chance Cat Ranch appeal  
**Date:** Monday, March 7, 2022 12:29:14 PM

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Dear Committee,

I am writing you on behalf of the Last Chance Cat Ranch, specifically the Stop Order that was issued. As a resident of Lethbridge for 40 years, and considering all the other issues going on in our city as well as the world today, I find the treatment of LCCR seemingly very one-sided and extremely upsetting.

The additional order of only 2 volunteers per day is arbitrary and grossly inadequate. This order is putting the cats in care in a neglectful situation as is the house itself. Two people cannot possibly manage what needs to be done. This order needs to be rescinded. As an owner of a diabetic cat who required insulin shots twice a day morning and evening, I can attest to the demands of cats and especially those with special needs.

Furthermore, as a volunteer based staff, not everyone can donate long days of time - while some may be able to donate this sort of pocket of time, others must work or have other necessary obligations during the week.

The additional order of food delivery every 7 days is also arbitrary and creates yet another layer of hardship as this organization strives to maintain the rescue. This order needs to be rescinded. As you know, shipments and deliveries these days have been highly irregular, and supplies are not consistently available for needed items as they were pre-covid. LCCR also relies on kind donations from private business as well as individuals. To tell a company they are only able to accept a large food donation once only per week when here is only 2 volunteers per day creates an unnecessary barrier for both parties.

The Last Chance Cat Ranch has operated out of that same location for 18 years. As a supporter it is difficult to comprehend why suddenly they are targeted and forced to vacate even if they are in violation of a bylaw. This should have been dealt with many, many years ago. I have supported them for many years and they have done so much good work for the City of Lethbridge and the homeless and neglected cats in the city and surrounding areas. LCCR has been very transparent with their practices. Many of our city residents support the work that LCCR does - the city, surely could find a way to support them too.

Thank you for your time,

Rebecca Seely

403 332-3336

506 Edinburgh Rd W

**From:** [Kristina](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] LCCR  
**Date:** Friday, March 11, 2022 9:32:59 AM

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I am writing you on behalf of the Last Chance Cat Ranch, specifically the Stop Order that was issued.

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The additional order of food delivery every 7 days is also arbitrary and creates yet another layer of hardship as this organization strives to maintain the rescue. This order needs to be rescinded.

The Last Chance Cat Ranch has operated out of that same location for going on 18 years. As a supporter it is difficult to comprehend why suddenly they are targeted and forced to vacate even if they are in violation of a bylaw. This should have been dealt with many, many years ago. They have done so much good work for the City of Lethbridge and the homeless and neglected cats in the city and surrounding areas. The city, surely could find a way to help them.

Kristina Seiriene  
1204 15 Street South  
Lethbridge  
T1K1V7

**From:** [Delmarie Skeith](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Last Chance Cat Rescue  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 22, 2022 7:18:19 PM

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City of Lethbridge  
City Clerk, David Sarsfield  
Dear Sir,

I am writing you on behalf of the Last Chance Cat Ranch, specifically the Stop Order that was issued.

The additional order of only 2 volunteers per day is arbitrary and grossly inadequate. This order is putting the cats in care in a neglectful situation as is the house itself. Two people cannot possibly manage what needs to be done. This order needs to be rescinded.

The additional order of food delivery every 7 days is also arbitrary and creates yet another layer of hardship as this organization strives to maintain the rescue. This order needs to be rescinded.

The Last Chance Cat Ranch has operated out of that same location for 18 years. As a supporter it is difficult to comprehend why suddenly they are TARGETED and forced to vacate even if they are in violation of a bylaw. This should have been dealt with many, many years ago. They have done so much good work for the City of Lethbridge and the HOMELESS and neglected CATS in the city and surrounding areas. The city, surely could find a way to HELP them.

In these very troubling times on this planet it is time we showed some COMPASSION to the innocent animals that mean no harm to anyone. Animals that are cute for a few weeks and then discarded like garbage or worn out toy. There have been many respected people and organizations that have supported the Last Chance Cat Ranch through the years and now all their efforts seem DISRESPECTED by the powers that be. This is not how we run a CARING city or society. I IMPLORE you to please give this organization a CHANCE to continue to do good community work ....it's as they are named ....Last Chance.....before what...DEATH to these innocents?

I have lived in Lethbridge all my life and have had many times relied on The Last Chance Cat RANCH helping me out with poor innocent cats and kittens! These cats did not ASK for a life of neglect and pain and wondering where their next meal will come from, or where they will find shelter! How about the ones suffering because of sickness? Do we just turn a BLIND EYE to their situation and suffering?? NO!!! We show compassion and instead of a STOP ORDER we find an alternate solution! Help the rescue acquire a building so they can continue the endless work they continue doing with no THANK you or payment required! These volunteers CARE and LOVE these cats and kittens unconditionally! Please, I'm begging you to show COMPASSION towards this rescue! I can't believe that the City of Lethbridge could be so easily SWAYED by one obnoxious NEIGHBOUR who has had a VENDETTA against Elizabeth, the founder since day one!! Don't let them get away with destroying all the good done by the Last Chance Cat Ranch! Let them continue the never ending job of caring for and rescuing the unfortunate little SOULS who so badly need their continued SUPPORT and

LOVE!

Please! Let the RESCUE stay where they are while looking for alternate housing! HELP them find a solution to continue the much needed and never ending need for their service!

I beg you! Please don't let me be ASHAMED of Lethbridge undoing the good that this rescue has done for the last 18 years and continues to do! I ask you why after all the years operating where the rescue is it's only NOW that some person is wanting to UNDO the good that has been done! Thank you and PLEASE choose to HELP the rescue rather than destroy it!

Sincerely,

Delmarie Skeith  
P O Box 1814  
Lethbridge, Alberta T1J 4K4  
403 593-2159

**From:** [Karen Slawosky](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Last Chance Cat Rescue SUPPORT LETTER  
**Date:** Saturday, March 19, 2022 7:57:11 AM

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To the City of Lethbridge,

I am writing you on behalf of the Last Chance Cat Ranch, specifically the Stop Order that was recently issued.

I am a cat lover, a cat owner (I rescued 9 cats in the past 3 years) and I FULLY support the LCCR with donations when I can.

I don't have a lot to give, but I want these Volunteers to know that they and the cats matter at all costs!

The City should do so as well!

With all the terrible things going on in this City with drugs and crime, this is how you choose to spend your time; picking on Volunteers who are graciously helping and assisting this City with an overabundance of unwanted cats?

I think it's shameful.

Even if the LCCR didn't follow a bylaw or two, one would think you would work with them so these Volunteers can continue with this much needed service instead of shutting them down. How horrible.

Provide them with a new location, provide them with low cost funding. How about funding to pay these outrageous bills the vet businesses charge, to get all cats spayed or neutered? Help these Volunteers nurture these poor animals who cannot fend for themselves, instead of killing them off!

I'm sure someone at the City can come up with a better idea than shutting them down!

I will be watching how Council votes on this and I will strongly oppose any candidate for future elections, that argues to shut them down.

There are dozens of other things going on in this City that are blatantly wrong....please fight a different battle.

Let the LCCR continue with their much needed love and nurturing of OUR City's cats.

Sincerely and very concerned  
Karen Slawosky (Lethbridge Tax payer)  
3 Mt Crandell Bay W  
Lethbridge, AB  
T1K 6L9  
403-394-5486

**From:** [Anastasia Smith](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Stop order for Last Chance Cat Ranch  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 8, 2022 9:32:24 PM

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Hello.

I am writing you on behalf of the Last Chance Cat Ranch, specifically the Stop Order that was issued.

The additional order of only 2 volunteers per day is arbitrary and grossly inadequate. This order is putting the cats in care in a neglectful situation as is the house itself. Two people cannot possibly manage what needs to be done. This order needs to be rescinded.

The additional order of food delivery every 7 days is also arbitrary and creates yet another layer of hardship as this organization strives to maintain the rescue. This order needs to be rescinded.

The Last Chance Cat Ranch has operated out of that same location for 18 years. As a supporter it is difficult to comprehend why suddenly they are targeted and forced to vacate even if they are in violation of a bylaw. This should have been dealt with many, many years ago. They have done so much good work for the City of Lethbridge and the homeless and neglected cats in the city and surrounding areas. The city, surely could find a way to help them.

Anastasia Smith

Anastasia Smith Massage Therapy  
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T1J0C8  
(403)795-4353

**From:** [David SMITH](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Stop Order on Last Chance Cat Ranch.  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 8, 2022 3:13:51 PM

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Dear sir.

I'm writing to you in support of the Last Chance Cat Ranch who have done sterling work on behalf of so many cats and other small animals for so many years.

Over the years The Last Chance Cat Ranch has become part of the fabric of our city, It's forced closure by the City Council reflects badly on our city, we've already had too much bad publicity in recent years, lets not add to it.

I strongly feel that your stop order is most unreasonable and arbitrary, it is particularly unreasonable to limit there operation to only two volunteers per day, this is totally insufficient to allow for adequate care of the cats.

I request that you lift the stop order and as an absolute minimum increase the number of volunteers allowed to work at the LCCR.

To be brutally honest I'm disgusted by the cities attitude towards this. I would ask you to assist the LCCR in finding new premises. Not necessarily financial assistance, we the volunteers are capable of fund raising

Your treatment of animals provides a window to your soul.

Have a nice day.

David Smith

400 Canyon Blvd W, Lethbridge, AB

T1K 6V2

**From:** [Rosemary Shannon](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] The Last Chance Cat Ranch  
**Date:** Thursday, March 17, 2022 5:33:24 PM

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Dear Mr. Sarsfield,

I never thought I would be writing this email but, I am. I have lived in Lethbridge since 1996 and have always thought that the City of Lethbridge was a well run municipality but no more. Never have I been more disappointed and disgusted with a civic government. To say that the approach to dealing with the complaints made towards The Last Chance Cat Ranch are heavy handed and a gross overreach would be putting it lightly. As a property owner I am deeply concerned. Frankly from the outside all it takes is a well connected neighbor and I could have the city telling me I have to vacate my home.

"I am writing to you on behalf of the Last Chance Cat Ranch, specifically the Stop Order that was issued.

In recent years there has been an expectation of transparency when organizations make decisions that affect stakeholders. In this case the city has absolutely operated in secrecy to benefit one specific party in this conflict. At no point when reaching their decision did the city approach The Last Chance Cat Ranch for their side of the complaint. Personally, I am deeply concerned at the singular lack of transparency demonstrated by the city and have to wonder what other deals have been handled in such a one sided manner as should every other citizen in Lethbridge. Any member of the City of Lethbridge who is friends with, related to or has dealings with the complainant should immediately be expected to identify themselves and recuse themselves from dealing with this issue. If such a person was involved with the decision of this stop order they need to immediately resign from their position and make known their relationship based upon what is a clear conflict of interest.

The additional order of only 2 volunteers per day is arbitrary and grossly inadequate. This order is putting the cats in care in a neglectful situation as is the house itself. Two people cannot possibly manage what needs to be done. This order needs to be rescinded.

The additional order of food delivery every 7 days is also arbitrary and creates yet another layer of hardship as this organization strives to maintain the rescue. This order needs to be rescinded.

The Last Chance Cat Ranch has operated out of that same location for going on 18 years. As a supporter it is difficult to comprehend why suddenly they are targeted and forced to vacate even if they are in violation of a bylaw. This should have been dealt with many, many years ago. They have done so much good work for the City of Lethbridge and the homeless and neglected cats in the city and surrounding areas. The city surely could find a way to help them.

respectfully,

Rosemary Snead  
618 -- 6 avenue South  
Lethbridge, Alberta

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**From:** [Chayse Stasiuk](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Last Chance Cat Ranch  
**Date:** Monday, March 21, 2022 3:57:42 PM

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Chayse Stasiuk  
338 Deer Run Place Lethbridge  
T1S 5R8, AB, CAN

I am sending this email on behalf of the Last Chance Cat Ranch, specifically the Stop Order that was issued. The additional order of allowing only 2 volunteers per day is grossly inadequate for the proper care of the cats and the building they are in. Only two people cannot manage the entirety of what needs to be done to ensure these animals have proper care and it is ridiculous that they should be expected to place their cats in a position of potential harm. This order needs to be rescinded as soon as possible to avoid further harm to the animals.

The additional order of food delivery every 7 days also creates another layer of unnecessary hardship as the organization seeks to maintain the rescue with limited support staff allowed. This order needs to be rescinded as well to allow for proper care of the animals.

The Last Chance Cat Ranch has operated out of the same location for almost 20 years and it is difficult to understand why they are suddenly being targeted and forced to vacate while having strict orders in place that are putting the animals at risk. Any issues should have been given a chance to work through on trust without an immediate ultimatum of eviction as the organization has been operating for years with minimal issue. The Last Chance Cat Ranch has done lots of good work for Lethbridge in caring for the various homeless and neglected cats in the city. The Ranch allows for the care of animals that would otherwise suffer what would likely be short and harsh lives on the street as street cats typically live less than 5 years on their own, or cats that would end up euthanized in a shelter with limited capacity. The city can surely find a way to support the Last Chance Cat Ranch in their efforts to continue to provide excellent service in taking care of these animals.

**From:** [Jenna Staszewski](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] LCCR  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 9, 2022 9:47:10 AM

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This organization has done more good, and helped more people and animals, than the city ever could. They do not get funding, they do not get help from the city, province, or country, they do all of this from the kindness of their hearts. Who will help all of these animals in need when they are gone? Certainly not the city, or the shelter.

Jenna Staszewski  
670 Blackfoot Terrace West  
Lethbridge, AB  
T1K7Y6

**From:** [Emma Steele](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Last Chance Cat Ranch  
**Date:** Thursday, March 10, 2022 11:28:42 AM

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Emma Steele  
1229 31a St S Lethbridge, AB T1K 3A3

**From:** [Emily Streibel](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Stop Order on The Last Chance Cat Ranch.  
**Date:** Friday, March 4, 2022 10:33:50 PM

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Hello,

Please take the time to read this email to it's end. This is an incredibly important issue that requires your immediate attention.

I am writing you on behalf of the Last Chance Cat Ranch, specifically the Stop Order that was issued.

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Let me be clear. To allow these cats to suffer for an entire month for the sake of policy would be horribly inhumane. There is absolutely no reason these cats should be forcibly neglected or displaced, especially since many of them require intense care and would likely lose their lives.

How you could possibly sit back and let this happen because of an ambiguous, arbitrary policy?

If you think change needs to happen now then you need to take responsibility for what that means. So, if you are going to enforce this ridiculous Stop Order effective immediately, then YOU need to process their appeal with the same amount urgency.

What kind of hypocrisy festers in our city government if you can't save the lives of those in need in the name of policy? Is your entire purpose not to bring safety, order and care to our community?

I will be gravely disappointed and disgusted if you do not take action on this matter immediately.

Emily Streibel (she/her)  
114 Ojibwa Place West

Lethbridge, AB  
T1K5K5  
403-359-2707

P.s. please know that I will be getting in contact with all Lethbridge news station at the beginning of this week. I expect this wonderful community will support them in this time of need. I expect the same from you.

**From:** [Aaron and Skye Varty](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] LCCR  
**Date:** Sunday, March 6, 2022 9:04:33 PM

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The Last Chance Cat Ranch has operated out of that same location for going on 18 years. As a supporter it is difficult to comprehend why suddenly they are targeted and forced to vacate even if they are in violation of a bylaw. This should have been dealt with many, many years ago. They have done so much good work for the City of Lethbridge and the homeless and neglected cats in the city and surrounding areas. The city, surely could find a way to help them.

I have been lucky enough to volunteer with this incredible rescue and it has helped my family immensely. My oldest is allergic to cats, so we can't have one of our own, but finding good homes for these cats has been such a rewarding experience. I have a daughter that suffers with anxiety, and this intake house has provided her with so much peace, just from being with the cats. The city needs to do better. If this location isn't suitable, then provide one that will be so we can keep on helping cats, and the cat population.

Skye Varty  
618 Twinriver Crescent  
Lethbridge, AB  
T1J 5B6

**From:** [Pamela Vera](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Stop order issued to Last Chance Cat Ranch  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 8, 2022 10:30:51 AM

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To the members of the appeals board in reference to the stop order issued to the Last Chance Cat Ranch:

The Last Chance Cat Ranch is currently in the process of fundraising to purchase a new site for the shelter. Organizations like these are necessary in Cities that do not have spay/neuter release programs and, as a result, cat populations run rampant. This organization rescues unwanted cats from abuse, neglect, and death. From the front yard, it looks like a house. I don't see any reason a neighbor should be upset with the appearance of the house. The back yard as well has catios in it. These prevent the cats from wandering the neighborhood, while giving them fresh air. The cats at the shelter are well cared for by volunteers. The additional order of only 2 volunteers per day is arbitrary and grossly inadequate. This order is putting the cats in care in a neglectful situation as is the house itself. Two people cannot possibly manage what needs to be done. This order needs to be rescinded. The additional order of food delivery every 7 days is also arbitrary and creates yet another layer of hardship as this organization strives to maintain the rescue. This order needs to be rescinded. I find it repulsive that the City would enact orders that will guarantee the suffering of the cats living in that shelter.

As a pet owner, I know how difficult it is to afford a pet. Many people want pets but find they can not handle the commitment. If you go onto the Lethbridge and District Pet Network on Facebook, you will see how many people are trying to give their pets away, mostly due to financial constraints. The Last Chance Cat Ranch is a solution to that problem. There are other non-profits who do similar work, and they should be supported by the City.

The Last Chance Cat Ranch has operated out of that same location for 18 years. As a supporter, it is difficult to comprehend why suddenly they are targeted and forced to vacate even if they are in violation of a bylaw. This should have been dealt with many, many years ago. They have done so much good work for the City of Lethbridge and the homeless and neglected cats in the city and surrounding areas. The City can surely find a way to help them.

If the City does not care to support the charities giving aid to unwanted animals in Lethbridge, then they should consider implementing a spay/neuter release program. How many years after that would no-kill shelters even be necessary? The volunteers could then turn their attention to other local causes.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter.

Kind regards,

Pamela Vera

638 13 Street South

Lethbridge, AB T1J 2W6

**From:** [Mark Wagner](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] LCCR Appeal  
**Date:** Friday, March 11, 2022 11:38:09 AM

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Hello,

I am just writing this email as support to the Last Chance Cat Ranch and the unfortunate decision the city has made on a non-profit organization that aids in abandoned and homeless cats. Sees to their care, treatment and sheltering. This all takes volunteers to do, all of who have jobs that requires someone to be there all day and people with jobs aren't available from sun up to sun down but can do partial shifts, this of course has to be split amongst others to do the care (much like a lot of other jobs out there, police for example that has multiple shifts) which is why I'm writing this to support the appeal about the minimum of 2 people per day at the rescue which is not really right at all, because it's a house and majority of houses have more than two people in a house hold and families of 3 or more are still allowed to live together correct and come and go as they see fit? And people having the right to host other friends and family at home is still permitted in Canada correct? So more than 2 people a day not being able to go to the rescue is completely irrational, not thought through decision. This rescue takes a huge burden off of the cities animal shelter as is, unless you are willing to triple the size of your current shelter and fund that. They should be able to at least continue normal operations for now.

Thank you for taking your time to read this and considering this appeal,

Mark Wagner  
767 Coalbrook Close West, Lethbridge

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**From:** [Marcie Wallace](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Last Chance Cat Ranch  
**Date:** Sunday, March 6, 2022 8:21:55 PM

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Dear City Clerk,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Last Chance Cat Ranch, regarding the stop order that was issued, especially the clauses mandating only 2 volunteers per day and food delivery every seven days. I am writing to state my support for the LCCR in their appeal of this order.

These orders are not in the best interests of the safety and care of the cats, and risk causing severe neglect to vulnerable animals. The LCCR has operated successfully in its current location for many years, providing a much-needed service to our city. Under this order, it will be nearly impossible for them to continue their important work.

The order must be rescinded.

Sincerely,  
Marcie Wallace  
27 Laval Road W  
Lethbridge, AB

**From:** [Julie White](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Last Chance Cat Ranch  
**Date:** Saturday, March 12, 2022 1:31:09 PM  
**Importance:** High

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Good morning Mr. Sarsfield;

I am writing you regarding the current situation occurring with the Last Chance Cat Ranch, specifically the stop order that was issued to them.

There are cats in the home that require medication more than once a day and the additional order of only two volunteers daily is grossly inadequate and must be overturned. This order in effect is putting the cats in their care in a neglectful situation as two people cannot manage the duties required to care for the cats and the home. The additional order of food delivery every 7 days creates yet another layer of adversity as they strive to maintain the rescue and this needs to be rescinded.

Over the past 12 years I have followed their organization and have seen nothing but love and compassion for the “discarded” and feral cats in our community. they have, at their own cost and solely through donations, rescued, spayed/neutered, vetted and cared for the cats other associations would deem “too costly” to save. While there is a misconception other local and area facilities are “no-kill”, they have a cap in place for how much can be spent to save any abandoned or injured cats brought to them.

This gap in the system is why we need the Last Chance Cat Ranch in town, they have given and done so much to “help” the city of Lethbridge as well as neighbouring communities. It is unfathomable that after all these years and all they do to help with this issue they are still doing all of this with volunteers and by donations only.

The Last Chance Cat Ranch has been operating out of this same location for almost 18 years without issues or concerns, in fact most of the neighbours applaud their efforts. As a supporter, it is difficult out understand why suddenly they are being targeted and forced to vacate this same location after almost two decades. Whether they are in violation of a city bylaw, if it was an issue it should have been discussed with them years ago, not after almost 18 years in this “private” home. The city should be supporting them or finding a way to help them continue to assist the city with the population of homeless and neglected cats instead of penalizing them.

I thank you for your time to reassess this order and the related orders in front of you for this caring group of volunteers, Lethbridge is lucky to have their help.

Sincerely,  
Julie White  
143 Couleecreek Lane  
Lethbridge, AB

**From:** [Anne Whiteside](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Last Chance Cat Ranch  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 9, 2022 9:34:52 AM

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To: the Appeal's Board

I have lived in this neighborhood for 40+ years and LCCR has NEVER been a problem of any kind in their 17+ years here. It must be the neighbor stirring up trouble as I've never heard a negative word about LCCR from anybody else, ever. If you expect them to move, at least let the needed number of volunteers take care of the cats meantime. You will be imposing cruelty on the cats by limiting the attention and care they need for timely medications, etc. Please make more sensible decisions.

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Beth](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Last chance cat ranch.  
**Date:** Friday, March 11, 2022 12:28:07 PM

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Dear Sir;

I am sure you have already received this, or letters like this already. Please, take this seriously. It has such an important place in our community. To see it disappear would be what I feel, and poor decision.

I understand the need to uphold the bylaws, but the demands that are being made would make it impossible for this community service to run.

Please, don't let this happen. Perhaps the city could donate a portion of our tax dollars to keep it going. Certainly, if this issue was allowed to go to a vote, the vast majority of Lethbridge citizens would be in favor of keeping it going. Its a vital service.

Thanks for taking the time to consider this.

I am writing you on behalf of the Last Chance Cat Ranch, specifically the Stop Order that was issued.

The additional order of only 2 volunteers per day is arbitrary and grossly inadequate. This order is putting the cats in care in a neglectful situation as is the house itself. Two people cannot possibly manage what needs to be done. This order needs to be rescinded.

The additional order of food delivery every 7 days is also arbitrary and creates yet another layer of hardship as this organization strives to maintain the rescue. This order needs to be rescinded.

The Last Chance Cat Ranch has operated out of that same location for 18 years. As a supporter it is difficult to comprehend why suddenly they are targeted and forced to vacate even if they are in violation of a bylaw. This should have been dealt with many, many years ago. They have done so much good work for the City of Lethbridge and the homeless and neglected cats in the city and surrounding areas. The city, surely could find a way to help them.

Thank you, Beth Wilson  
On behalf of the Last Chance Cat Ranch.

**From:** [Jamie Winters](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Re: Save the cat ranch  
**Date:** Saturday, March 5, 2022 7:41:54 PM

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On Mar 5, 2022 12:55 PM, Jamie Winters <misswinters@outlook.com> wrote:

Good afternoon,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Last Chance Cat Ranch, specifically the Stop Order that was issued.

The additional order of only 2 volunteers per day is arbitrary and grossly inadequate. This order is putting the Cats in care in a neglectful situation, as is the house itself. Two people cannot possibly manage what needs to be done. This order needs to be rescinded.

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The Last Chance Cat Ranch has operated out of that same location for 18 years. They have done so much good work for the City of Lethbridge and the homeless and neglected Cats in the city and surrounding areas. The city, surely could find a way to help them, perhaps by helping them find adequate and proper space.

The city's animal shelter is always at max capacity and the Last Chance Cat Ranch provides the many poor cats from around southern Alberta a place to find life rather than having cats roaming the streets, the Last Chance Cat Ranch provides foster homes and places for these cats.

Forcing Last Chance Cat Ranch to close is, quite frankly, animal neglect as it will force the poor cats to be homeless with no one to take care of them.

It is baffling that the city would target an organization that is only helping the city and it's residents and not asking for anything in return. Closing the Last Chance Cat Ranch will only do harm to the city, as the number of homeless and stray cats will exponentially increase.

I sincerely hope that the city will recind the stop order and let the Last Chance Cat Ranch continue to operate.

Yours Truly,

Jamie Winters  
109 371 Highlands Blvd W  
Lethbridge, AB

**From:** [Gina wright](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Last Chance Cat Ranch  
**Date:** Thursday, March 10, 2022 5:37:55 PM

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Dear Sir,

I am writing you on behalf of the Last Chance Cat Ranch, specifically the Stop Order that was issued.

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They have done so much good work for the City of Lethbridge and the homeless and neglected cats in the city and surrounding areas. The city, surely could find away to help them.

Respectfully  
Gina Wright  
325 12B Street N  
Lethbridge, Alberta  
T1H 2K9  
403-563-7103

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Deborah Zarett](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Last Chance Cat Ranch  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 9, 2022 2:39:19 AM

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I am writing you on behalf of the Last Chance Cat Ranch, specifically the Stop Order that was issued. As a resident of Lethbridge for 40 years, and considering all the other issues going on in our city as well as the world today, I find the treatment of LCCR seemingly very one-sided and extremely upsetting.

The additional order of only 2 volunteers per day is arbitrary and grossly inadequate. This order is putting the cats in care in a neglectful situation as is the house itself. Two people cannot possibly manage what needs to be done. This order needs to be rescinded. As an owner of a diabetic cat who required insulin shots twice a day morning and evening, I can attest to the demands of cats and especially those with special needs.

Furthermore, as a volunteer based staff, not everyone can donate long days of time - while some may be able to donate this sort of pocket of time, others must work or have other necessary obligations during the week.

The additional order of food delivery every 7 days is also arbitrary and creates yet another layer of hardship as this organization strives to maintain the rescue. This order needs to be rescinded. As you know, shipments and deliveries these days have been highly irregular, and supplies are not consistently available for needed items as they were pre-covid. LCCR also relies on kind donations from private business as well as individuals. To tell a company they are only able to accept a large food donation once only per week when here is only 2 volunteers per day creates an unnecessary barrier for both parties.

The Last Chance Cat Ranch has operated out of that same location for 18 years. As a supporter it is difficult to comprehend why suddenly they are targeted and forced to vacate even if they are in violation of a bylaw. This should have been dealt with many, many years ago. I have supported them for many years and they have done so much good work for the City of Lethbridge and the homeless and neglected cats in the city and surrounding areas. LCCR has been very transparent with their practices. Many of our city residents support the work that LCCR does - the city, surely could find a way to support them too.

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

**From:** [Jack Abbott](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] LCCR  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 9, 2022 10:37:08 AM

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To mayor and council of Lethbridge,

I don't live in lethbridge, so I have no right to complain about how you run your city. But I am a supporter and foster for the LCCR and I am severely disappointed with your treatment of them. I used to love visiting your city a few times a year supporting your local businesses, etc. But I have to say your reputation is getting tarnished with the story of the LCCR going viral on social media.

Even if you don't care about sentencing cats to death or at the very least inadequate care. You might have some concern for how it makes you and the city look in the public eye.

Thanks for taking the time to read this.

Jack Abbott  
Fort Saskatchewan

**From:** [Johanna Abtahi](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#); [Lloyd Brierley](#); [Office of the Mayor](#); [Office of Council](#)  
**Subject:** [External] LCCR Support  
**Date:** Saturday, March 5, 2022 5:36:29 PM

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Hello,

I am writing you on behalf of the Last Chance Cat Ranch, specifically the Stop Order that was issued.

These people are doing their best to help animals in need, and though social media doesn't always tell the whole story, there's enough TikTok footage to dispel any suspicion of negligence or wrongdoing. If LCCR is willing to ultimately relocate, the additional order of only 2 volunteers per day and food delivery once every 7 days at the LCCR location is unnecessary and potentially dangerous. If the city is actually concerned about the wellbeing of these animals and the state of the property, these orders need to be rescinded. It doesn't make sense to limit how much people can come care for animals, unless the goal is simply appeasing angry neighbors.

LCCR has done so much good work for the City of Lethbridge and the homeless and neglected cats in the city and surrounding areas. Please find a way to make this situation play out in a more civilized, mutually beneficial manner.

Regards,  
Johanna Heloise Abtahi  
947 Lewis St.  
Moscow, ID 83843

**From:** [Cat A](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] The last chance cat ranch  
**Date:** Saturday, March 12, 2022 7:48:25 PM

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- > Dear Sir. We are contacting you in order to discuss the stop order on the last chance cat ranch in Lethbridge, Alberta. This included two arbitrary conditions which are not reasonable.
- > Firstly, the condition that only two volunteers can visit daily is inadequate for the medical needs of the animals on site. This will not only risk, but actually mandate the neglect of suffering animals. This is completely immoral, and highly questionable. Three volunteers are needed, and it is hard to believe the extra volunteer really bothers anyone. In fact, anyone who had moved to the neighbourhood more recently than 18 years ago was already aware of the rescue. Surely, this is in no one's reasonable best interest. What motivated you to take such a stance?
- > Add to this the restriction on food deliveries. Unfortunately, being a charity, the last chance cat ranch has food delivered as donated. This does not adhere to a strict schedule. Again, by refusing to allow deliveries you are putting animals at risk. Surely, this is not what was intended. Again, I think we would all like to hear why you made such a decision.
- > Another seriously mitigating factor in harassing the last chance cat ranch this way, is the health of the owner/operator. She has recently lost her son to cancer, and is battling stage four cancer herself. Needless to say, keeping an organization of this size running smoothly has taken great care, skill and experience. The emotional toll that this is taking on Elizabeth is unconscionable! By coming down with this order with no warning, you are literally tormenting a woman who is giving her very last and best efforts to improve the community. Shame on you.
- > The fallout from this rash decision is complex, and affects hundreds of people, and helpless animals with nowhere else to go. Unfortunately, the city of Lethbridge does not provide reasonable no kill options itself. Please, do the decent thing, and rescind the orders regarding volunteers and pet food deliveries. Also, I think we would all like to know how this rescue ran flawlessly at this site for 18 years, but is now suddenly a problem. This sounds very much like someone has a personal issue.
- > For 18 years Elizabeth has worked tirelessly to improve the quality of life for people and animals in Lethbridge and the surrounding region. To treat her this way, while she is terminally ill, is simply cruel, and certainly ungrateful. Hopefully, she will be getting a lawyer and we will get to the bottom of the problem. The recording of the meeting was very informative, and the bias is obvious.
- > Please, Sir, Do the right thing. With so many helpless souls dependent on a reasonable decision, and volunteers from all over Alberta keeping this rescue running through the goodness of their hearts, please work with the last chance cat ranch rescue, not against them. What would Jesus do?
- > Sincerely, Catherine and Guy Anderson
- > 255 glenpatrick drive
- > Cochrane Alberta
- > T4c1g5
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**From:** [paola arechiga](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#); [Lloyd Brierley](#); [Office of the Mayor](#); [Office of Council](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Last Chance Cat Ranch: please reconsider, these cats need your help.  
**Date:** Saturday, March 5, 2022 1:12:09 AM

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Hello! I am writing you on behalf of the Last Chance Cat Ranch all the way from Austin, Texas!! I have been an avid follower and supporter of this organization, so I had a few concerns. Specifically the Stop Order that was issued. I cannot believe the city is willing to risk the lives and livelihoods of these innocent cats.

The additional order of only 2 volunteers per day is arbitrary and grossly inadequate.

- This order is putting the cats in care in a neglectful situation as is the house itself.
- Two people cannot possibly manage what needs to be done.
- This order needs to be rescinded.

The additional order of food delivery every 7 days is also arbitrary and creates yet another layer of hardship as this organization strives to maintain the rescue.

The Last Chance Cat Ranch has operated out of that same location for 18 years.

- As a supporter it is difficult to comprehend why suddenly they are targeted and forced to vacate even if they are in violation of a bylaw

They have done so much good work for the City of Lethbridge and the homeless and neglected cats in the surrounding areas with no one else to turn to. These wonderful people are just trying to help and be a voice for the voiceless. Please reconsider your decision!

Thank you,

Paola and my rescue cats Changa and Loki

Sent from my iPhone

David Sarsfield  
Lethbridge CA

Hello, my name is Shannon Balsley, and I am writing you on behalf of the Last Chance Cat Ranch, specifically the Stop Order that was issued.

They were also ordered to only have 2 (two) volunteers a day at the center which is arbitrary and grossly inadequate.

- This is putting the cats in care in a neglectful situation.
- Two people cannot possibly take care of the needs of all the cats, including feeding, cleaning up litter boxes, playing with them, making sure they get the attention and affection they need.

Allowing food deliveries once every 7 (seven) days? Yet other people can get their deliveries everyday of the week and no one cares. If the cats run out of food before they are allowed to receive a delivery, what should they do? This is volunteer and donation based meaning those food deliveries are needed and are what keep the cats fed. Please this Stop Order just adds another layer of problematic arbitrary hardship on the Last Chance Cat Ranch.

This order should be rescinded. As a concerned viewer and longtime supporter of Last Chance Cat Ranch I think that this order will put the cats into severe stress.

The Last Chance Cat Ranch has operated out of that same location for 18 (eighteen) years.

- As a supporter of Last Chance Cat Ranch, it is hard for me to comprehend why they are suddenly being targeted and forced to vacate.
- Even if they are in violation of any bylaws this should have been handled many years ago.

They have done so much good work for the City of Lethbridge and the homeless and neglected cats in the city and surrounding areas. The city, surely can find a way to either dismiss the eviction and Stop Order or help the Last Chance Cat Ranch.

I believe in their mission 100 percent. What they do is amazing and heartwarming. Please Dismiss the Stop Oder. All the Stop Order will do will cause harm to the cats and I know that you do not want that to happen. Thank you for taking the time to read my appeal.

Sincerely,

Shannon Balsley

Shannon Balsley  
342 Sunfire Trail  
Seguin, Texas  
78155  
(830)272-8784

**From:** [Jennifer Bedard](#)  
**To:** [Office of Council](#); [David Sarsfield](#); [lloyd.brierly@lethbridge.ca](mailto:lloyd.brierly@lethbridge.ca); [Office of the Mayor](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Support LCCR  
**Date:** Saturday, March 5, 2022 5:47:00 AM

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing you on behalf of the Last Chance Cat Ranch, specifically the Stop Order that was issued.

The additional order of only 2 volunteers per day is arbitrary and grossly inadequate.

- This order is putting the cats in care in a neglectful situation as is the house itself.
- Two people cannot possibly manage what needs to be done.
- This order needs to be rescinded.

The additional order of food delivery every 7 days is also arbitrary and creates yet another layer of hardship as this organization strives to maintain the rescue.

- This order needs to be rescinded.

The Last Chance Cat Ranch has operated out of that same location for 18 years.

- As a supporter it is difficult to comprehend why suddenly they are targeted and forced to vacate even if they are in violation of a bylaw.
- This should have been dealt with many, many years ago.

They have done so much good work for the City of Lethbridge and the homeless and neglected cats in the city and surrounding areas.

The city, surely, could find a way to help them.

I would also like to add that LCCR single handedly saved my families mental health and well-being. By reducing, caring for, fostering and arranging adoption, we were able to find the missing piece to our family - Pizza. Because of the care she received, she was saved, and we found her. She has helped ease my depression and brought pure joy to my children's lives. Without LCCR that never would've happened. So please, have a heart and help them as they've helped so many others.

Jennifer B.  
Sparwood BC, Canada

**From:** [Janni Belgum](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Lethbridge Last Chance Cat Rescue  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 8, 2022 4:21:40 PM

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I have been contributing to this cat rescue for some years and am aware of its good work. They have a lot of cats. A limit of 2 people attending to the cats per day is not enough for the animals they have. Please rescind your order.

Sincerely,

Janis Belgum  
118 Ford St.  
Kingston, ON  
K7K 4Z6

**From:** [Ele Belieu](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Re: Last Chance Cat ranch  
**Date:** Thursday, March 10, 2022 4:55:11 PM

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Sincerely,  
Ele Belieu  
Po Box 306  
Naches, WA 98937

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

**From:** [Sylvie Boileau](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Last Chance Cat Ranch  
**Date:** Saturday, March 5, 2022 2:28:12 PM

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> I hope by now that you have received a lot of emails. I am saddened to think that anyone would try to challenge such wonderful volunteers working selflessly for a good cause. I truly hope any city in Canada would do everything possible to support innocent animals. Last Chance Cat Ranch are not hurting anyone by having volunteers come to the home or have a few deliveries per week. I do not believe a slight inconvenience to some neighbours should be more important than the needs of abandoned animals. Please help! The world is watching....

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> Sincerely,

> Sylvie

1560 Jaguar Dr

Timmins Ontario

P4R0H1

**From:** [Susan Boyle](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#); [llody.brierley@lethbridge.ca](mailto:llody.brierley@lethbridge.ca); [Office of the Mayor](#); [Office of Council](#)  
**Cc:** [lccr@gmail.com](mailto:lccr@gmail.com)  
**Subject:** [External] Last Chance Cat Ranch needs your help!!  
**Date:** Monday, March 7, 2022 11:23:38 AM

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing this email on behalf of the Last Chance Cat Ranch, more specifically concerning the Stop Order issues last week. As a supporter of such a wonderful organization, it breaks my heart to think of the effects this Stop Order will have on the cats that currently call Last Chance Cat Ranch their home. Some of my biggest concerns are listed below:

Allowing only 2 volunteers per day is not only harmful to the cats, but it places a massive responsibility on the volunteers to take care of the 20+ cats. To apply this order, would be **neglectful** and it needs to be rescinded.

Food delivery is an important aspect of this Ranch as it allows the cats to be fed and well nourished. Because of the size of the organization, food delivery **must** occur multiple times a week. Imagine applying this rule to a community of 20 human beings. Would grocery shopping every 7 days be realistic? I think not, and this order needs to be rescinded.

Lastly, the Ranch has operated out of the same location for 18 years in a residential area. As someone who is about to turn 22 (which means they have been helping homeless cats for **over 80% of my lifetime**), it's incomprehensible to force and vacate even if they are in violation of a bylaw. If this was such a concerning issue, why is it only being dealt with now?

The homeless cats of Lethbridge deserve a place to call home, and for many of them, the Last Chance Cat Ranch is a stepping stone into a forever home. This organization does so much to help the community, and to take that away would be putting many lives at risk. Please, I beg you, help this organization to find solutions that will not compromise the lives of the cats of Lethbridge and the surrounding areas. They do so much good, why would anyone want to take this away?

Thank you for your consideration,  
Susan Boyle  
118 Leroy St.  
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Potsdam, NY 13676

BM Music Education, Viola  
Crane School of Music Class of 2022  
State University of New York at Potsdam  
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**From:** [Shauna Boyle](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Last Chance Cat Ranch  
**Date:** Monday, March 7, 2022 12:27:35 PM

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Alberta small business owner supporting local pet rescues

Fur Family Pet Supplies

Shaunalee Boyle

12227 53 St Edm AB

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**From:** [abrooks7227@gmail.com](mailto:abrooks7227@gmail.com)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Last chance cat ranch  
**Date:** Friday, March 4, 2022 10:42:10 PM

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I am reaching out on behalf of the Last Chance Cat Ranch, specifically about the Stop Order.

The restricted volunteers per day is inadequate and frankly puts the cats in a neglectful situation that is borderline abusive.

I don't see how after 18 years of operating in that same location they are suddenly being targeted and forced to vacate the premises. As a supporter of animal rescue more specifically a supporter of the last chance cat ranch, animal rescue is necessary for the homeless and neglected cats in the world. Last chance cat ranch has done so much good work for the city of Lethbridge and the surrounding areas.

The city, I'm sure, can find a way to help them.

Thank you,

Alexis Brooks  
Michigan USA

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [barb brown](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Support of Last Chance Cat Ranch  
**Date:** Sunday, March 6, 2022 4:51:17 PM

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Barbara Arend  
18 Stoney Cres.  
Lethbridge, AB  
T1K 6V5

Re: Stop Order for Last Chance Cat Ranch

Dear Mr Sarsfield:

I am writing to you on behalf of The Last Chance Cat Ranch, specifically with a request to appeal the Stop Order that was issued to the non-profit organization on February 17, 2022.

I am not affiliated directly with the organization, I am a supporter and a recent adopter of a cat from this shelter. My experience with this organization through this process has shown me that they believe in their cause and in doing what is right for the benefit of animals that others no longer have time for.

My recent addition to my family was rescued by the organization on Christmas Eve. She was frozen, malnourished, and had a respiratory infection. If she wasn't rescued at that time, she would not have made it. They cared for her, provided her safe shelter, food, and the proper medical care that allowed her to be healthy enough to be adopted. When it came to adopting her, the process was also done with the best needs of my cat in mind. There was an interview, reference checks, and contracts signed to that stated we would not allow our cat to be outdoors, and that we would provide for her necessities. After we adopted her, they maintained contact to ensure that we made an appointment so that she would be spayed, microchipped, and receive her final booster. All of those came with the \$250 adoption fee, which I'm sure you realize is not really enough to cover the full amount of vetting my cat received. Instead, the organization raises funds to care for cats that people no longer care for in an attempt to get new families for them.

I provide this information to highlight the work that this organization does for the nearly 40 cats in its care. On a day to day basis, volunteers give of their time to feed the animals, clean the litter boxes, provide medication and take the time to show them the love that they deserve until they are adopted. When I first went to the house to bring home my cat, I would not have known the premises was home to the shelter. The building is well maintained, there was no offensive odour inside or out. The volunteers who were working during the time of my pick-up also wore masks and adhered to all covid-19 protocols including sanitizing and keeping socially distanced.

It is evident that those who work with the cats that have been rescued take pride in the work they are doing, and let's face it, it's not an easy job. If the city of Lethbridge actually had a program in place where it provided subsidized costs for the spaying of cats or by-laws which required people to keep their cats indoors, perhaps there wouldn't be a need for a rescue such

as LCCR, however, that is not the case. With that being said, the job that these volunteers are doing is incredible, and for the city to hinder this process and actually increase the potential for harm to the animals is unnecessary. From my understanding, there are approximately 6-8 volunteers a day that enter the premises per day to care for the animals. There is a morning shift and an evening shift with a maximum of 4 people per shift to equitably share the duties so that it does not take a large amount of time. I'm sure you can agree that when there is a large job such as this, many hands make light work and can cut the amount of time needed to care for the animals in half. Remember it is volunteers that are looking after these animals and they are taking time away from their families to make a positive difference in society. Instead of thanking them, the city wants to punish them and require a quarter of the volunteer force to look after the same number of animals? How is this fair to the animals or the volunteers? It is obvious that those who are making these decisions have not participated in volunteer duties themselves, or they would recognize that this arbitrary number provides inadequate support for the care of the cats. This order does not allow for the appropriate care for the animals and the city does not currently have an alternate facility to take these animals into their care, and if they did...they'd need lots of volunteers. Why would the city make an order, that they themselves could not work within? This order should be rescinded immediately.

In times of need, organizations step up to help. This was encouraged throughout the pandemic and in times previous to that, now it seems as though the city of Lethbridge wants to harm those in need but limiting the amount of access to help they can get. I don't know about you, but I go to the grocery store a couple of times a week to get food when my family has a need, I'm not sure why the rules for the LCCR should be restricted. How does the provision of sustenance negatively impact neighbours in that area? Once in a while, I also receive large deliveries which impact the roadway, as do my neighbours and we don't complain to each other about it. Unfortunately, it seems as though this non-profit organization has to live by a different set of rules than the rest of the residents in Lethbridge. The implementation of restrictions on food delivery every 7 days seems unfair and unrealistic. It has a negative impact on the volunteers and on the cats. This organization works diligently to reduce the number of non-volunteers to their facilities. They arrange for food drop-off at the residences of volunteers by people who want to help but are not a part of the organization. This is done to limit the amount of unnecessary traffic in the area so that there is not a negative impact on their neighbours. There is no need for there to be a limitation on when food is delivered for the cats, as there is not a limitation for other organizations in the city. This order should also be rescinded.

Lastly, The Last Chance Cat Ranch has operated out of its current location for 18 years. From my understanding, they have cooperated with the city when investigations have been done, and there was no judgement made against them. I am not sure why the city would engage in providing a not-for-profit volunteer agency with a stop order without sufficient notice or the opportunity to be aware of concerns, this seems contrary to how our democratic and just system is supposed to work. If there is a complaint, should both parties not be given the opportunity for representation. Is the city allowing the voice of one person to taint their vision of this organization? It seems odd that The LCCR has been able to operate for more than a decade without complaints from its neighbours. One person does not make a neighbourhood and perhaps other voices should be heard. The City of Lethbridge should be doing more to assist this organization instead of shutting it down. The fact that one person was passionate about saving other living creatures so they purchased a location to house those that others did not want to care for should be commended and assisted, not shut down.

The City of Lethbridge has not been transparent in their dealing of this matter, as such, it should take on the responsibility of how this situation has been mishandled and provide a quick appeal process and rescind the orders that are currently in place to ensure that the care of the cats currently housed is maintained adequately.

My support is for The Last Chance Cat Ranch, please share this letter with the appeal board.

Sincerely,  
Barbara A. Arend  
Supporter/ LCCR Cat Adopter  
780-978-4055

**From:** [Gail Cameron](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] For Appeal Meeting March 31, 2022 RE: Last Chance Cat Ranch  
**Date:** Saturday, March 19, 2022 2:39:58 PM

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Gail Cameron  
2805 45 Avenue  
Athabasca, AB  
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March 19, 2022

City of Lethbridge

Attention: David Sarsfield - City Clerk

I am writing you on behalf of the Last Chance Cat Ranch, specifically regarding the Stop Order was that issued.

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The Last Chance Cat Ranch has operated out of that same location for 18 years. As a supporter it is difficult to comprehend why suddenly they are targeted and forced to vacate even if they are in violation of a bylaw. This should have been dealt with many, many years ago. They have done so much good work for the City Of Lethbridge and the homeless and neglected cats in the city and surrounding areas. The city, surely could find a way to help them.

As someone who lives out of town, but in Alberta, the recent news I have heard about Lethbridge, has been negative, regarding the police force. I think the City could use some good publicity by way of supporting this non-profit instead of essentially “tearing down” a non-profit, that is doing so much good.

Sincerely,

Gail M Cameron  
(780) 715 - 8761

**From:** [Candace Carnie](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] LCCR Stop Order  
**Date:** Sunday, March 13, 2022 1:31:36 PM

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Hello, David.

I am writing to support the appeal of Last Chance Cat Ranch's stop order.

For what this will cost the city in proceedings and the use of legal and office personnel could be money well spent to solve this crisis in another manner. I know there are several members of council who have actually visited the rescue and had favourable reactions. I would suggest that these councillors set up a matching donation campaign several times a year. At the very least, the City of Lethbridge should publicize the rescue and bring more awareness to the public.

More to the point, rescues provide a service that can save the lives of people. As stated in the excerpt below from the Edmonton Police Service, "Research has proven that violence towards animals and people are often interconnected...". It is essential, I believe, that every community capable of doing so ought to make the prevention of animal cruelty - and punishment for offenders - a priority.

If it is decided that the rescue must move give them assistance. Help in the scouting of possible buildings. Publicize the fundraising they are doing to fund the move. It's difficult enough when their cost for pet food is \$8,000 per month, on top of the truckloads of food donations they receive.

Both the City of Lethbridge and the complaining neighbour might well consider being part of the solution instead of the problem. Please refer to the links below for more information.

Research has proven that violence towards animals and people are often interconnected and that the presence of animal cruelty and its level of severity may play a role in being able to predict other types of violent behavior. This violence can include homicide, sexual assault, arson, family violence and child abuse, and is often described as "The Violence Link"... Simply put, we need to protect animals if we want to protect people and that is why ACIU's unofficial motto is "to protect and to serve all of us".  
<https://www.edmontonpolice.ca/CrimePrevention/PersonalFamilySafety/AnimalCrueltyInvestigationUnit>

In November 2021, the Alberta Court of Appeal [ruled in an encouraging sentencing judgment](#) that "[t]here can be no disputing that animals are sentient beings that are capable of experiencing pain and suffering."  
<https://www.nationalmagazine.ca/en-ca/articles/law/opinion/2021/recognizing-animals-in-canada-as-sentient>

Calgary relaunches no-cost spay and neuter program to help deal with stray cats  
<https://globalnews.ca/news/8630351/calgary-no-cost-spay-neuter-program-to/>

Yours truly,  
Candace Carnie  
#202 - 36 Glenbrook Crescent  
Cochrane, AB T4C 1T2



**From:** [Linda Christensen](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Last Chance Cat Ranch  
**Date:** Monday, March 14, 2022 12:23:04 PM

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I am writing to support this rescue. The order for 2 volunteers a day to care for, feed and often medicate up to 50 rescues cats is ridiculous and the cats will suffer.

This rescue relies on solely

donations and volunteers. Please rescind thus ridiculous order.

As we need to relocate would the City be willing to give a grant to help with expenses?

Also please get a trap- neuter- release program formed to help alleviate the number of homeless cats.

NOTE The city has never given this valuable part of the community any support. How about now?

The worth of a nation ( city ) is judged by how it treats animals.

" I borrowed that."

Sincerely,  
Linda Christensen  
RR # 1  
Bluffton Alberta  
T0C0M0

**From:** [Alexandrea Comstock](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Urgent  
**Date:** Sunday, March 6, 2022 2:28:20 PM

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Alexandrea comstock  
211 1st street Shaughnessy  
(I was born in Lethbridge, volunteered for Lccr for many years, and am disgusted with my city's treatment towards one of the only standing cat rescues left)

March 13, 2022

Alanna Cooper  
175 Dillman Rd  
Kelowna, BC  
V1X 1T6

**Re: Last Chance Cat Ranch Stop Order**

To whom it may concern,

I have been a supporter and virtual foster for the above organization for almost two years now. One of the reasons that I support them is due to the fact they regularly go above and beyond to help homeless, abandoned, injured or in need cats. Last chance loves what they do and genuinely love helping out these cats who need it.

I was extremely saddened to hear about the City of Lethbridge issuing a stop order to this wonderful organization. Cities need these organizations more than ever to help out animals and advocate since the animals themselves cannot. Last chance volunteers and staff are a tremendous asset to the city and issuing restrictions are going to make it even more difficult for these non-profits to operate. Not to mention, putting the lives of already vulnerable animals in dire situations.

I am asking those involved at the City of Lethbridge to rescind their decision and allow an extremely necessary and wonderful organization to continue looking after Lethbridge and area's most vulnerable cats.

I thank you for reading my letter and hope a positive outcome can come out for Last Chance Cat Ranch, as they have endured a many setbacks dealing with these complaints and a difficult couple of years, due to COVID-19.

Sincerely,

Alanna Cooper

**From:** [Carole Dastous](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Cc:** [The Last Chance Cat Ranch](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Last Chance Cat Ranch  
**Date:** Saturday, March 19, 2022 5:50:32 PM

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Hello Mr. Sarsfield,

I am writing on behalf of the Last Chance Cat Ranch (LCCR) that is about to be closed by the city of Lethbridge.

-It seems weird that this should happen after 18 + years of service. What prompted the change? Please be more transparent. Is the city responding to a nearby complainant? After 18 + years of good neighbors, this seems suspicious for an excuse.

-The city is allowing one year for the LCCR to relocate itself. Please consider that, if the LCCR must move that given the crazy state of real estate lately, one year is not nearly enough. Please consider, if the LCCR must move, to give it TWO years to fund raise, find a new location etc. If the LCCR was a good neighbor for 18 + years, surely it can be so for another 2.

-In the meanwhile, allowing only two volunteers per day to come and look after the cats is totally arbitrary and shows what little good intention or thinking is behind the decision of the city of Lethbridge. Please allow as many volunteers as needed, as the LCCR has seen fit for the last 18 (!) years during which things operated rather smoothly. That would be AT LEAST 3 volunteers daily, strict minimum. More would be necessary .

-Food deliveries have been arriving at the LCCR for 18 plus years with no issues, so why restrict that now to one each week? That too is arbitrary on your part and it's a decision that is senseless. Please be transparent about the motivation (a nearby complainant again?) Plus, if the city is allowing the LCCR time to re orient itself, it is a cruel decision to ration the food delivery.

Moreover, rather than evicting the LCCR after 18 + years of free and volunteer (mostly volunteer except for some financial support from the city etc,) it seems to me the city of Lethbridge should PAY something for the services rendered, so far, by the LCCR rather than evicting it. Such payment would help the LCCR relocate itself and maybe lead into a new formal organized win-win partnership with the city in years to come.

To drive the point home more, the city of Lethbridge should HELP relocate the LCCR given the free services rendered by LCCR for all those years to the city and the area. The city saw fit to benefit, mostly for free, from the work done by the LCCR but now, it's evicting it ?? Shame on you, if I can be allowed to speak freely.

Thank you for your time and attention,

Best regards,

Carole Dastous

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Calgary, Alberta  
T3C 0R7

403 370 1232

**From:** [Alanna Dumonceaux](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Last Chance Cat Rescue Needs to Continue Operating  
**Date:** Sunday, March 6, 2022 12:04:06 PM

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From: Alanna Dumonceaux  
 2620 Ross Rd, Nanoose Bay, BC V9P 9A6

The Last Chance Cat Rescue is a resource in DIRE NEED OF SUPPORT not SHUT DOWN from red tape. What has your council and city done in the past 18 years to help the situation of animal welfare in your community? If you think your council and city is meeting even the BASIC community needs, then this shelter wouldn't need to exist in the first place. Where have you helped this organization find a solution to this "bylaw" issue instead of hindering their ability to meet the never ending community needs for animal sheltering and care?

Hundreds of calls for help each year. Tens of thousands in animal care costs from people who care. Zero government support, and not even a due process invite of including the organization at your recent town council meeting where you allowed a biased 3rd party to complain, with NO attempt to allow the LCCR to speak for themselves or present their own facts.

Instead of working towards a solution, trying to help them set up a better situation, you are putting the care of the animals at risk that directly goes against their ability to house and feed the animals to a proper standard of care. Are you TRAINED in animal care? How can you justify restricting the number of volunteers and food that a rescue resource can receive if you are not there to help? How do you know how many hours in a day are required for care, how many people it takes to safely treat, sanitize and feed all of these animals that noone else is willing to help.

You are basically ordering neglectful care of animals. Shame on you.

You need to rescind these orders and HELP this society find a better way to operate in the new location they have desperately been trying to find. What is your council doing to ALLOW this much needed resource in your community to find the basic support it needs to be able to operate within your bylaws? Where can they go and how are you going to help them get there?

You created this situation by ignoring the greater issue in your community as you continue to do and now you are focusing on making it worse. What kind of community solution is that?

Here's where you can start. Find them somewhere to go and don;t cause further harm and stress to the animals and people in the process

[https://www.gofundme.com/f/new-facility-for-last-chance-cat-ranch?utm\\_source=customer&utm\\_medium=copy\\_link&utm\\_campaign=p\\_cf%20share-flow-1&fbclid=IwAR2decdqdw53E7sDRmfzi4entbi06jHKCJUAMV8MSd611A1wM5pGWndx0Ck](https://www.gofundme.com/f/new-facility-for-last-chance-cat-ranch?utm_source=customer&utm_medium=copy_link&utm_campaign=p_cf%20share-flow-1&fbclid=IwAR2decdqdw53E7sDRmfzi4entbi06jHKCJUAMV8MSd611A1wM5pGWndx0Ck)

Alanna Dumonceaux  
 2620 Ross Rd, Nanoose Bay, BC V9P 9A6

Volunteer with Hearts on Noses Mini Pig Sanctuary  
Volunteer with Flying Fur Animal Rescue  
Former Board Secretary of Fort McMurray SPCA

**From:** [KRISTIN TYRELL ENNS](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] APPEAL LCCR  
**Date:** Sunday, March 27, 2022 4:02:18 PM

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From: Kristin Tyrell Enns

37 Country Lane

Blumenort, Manitoba

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I am truly disgusted, heartbroken, and seething with anger all at the same time. I cannot believe that I am still living in a time where animals mean nothing.

What kind of arrogant, diseased ridden mind would complain about a non-profit organization; ran by the kindest individuals who pour their blood, sweat, and tears into saving abandoned, abused, sick, scared, pregnant or with babies, and homeless kitties? Who does that!? This neighbor does not even have the common courtesy to make a comment for the news. If what he is doing is right, then he should have no issue coming out publicly. Instead, he hides in the shadows like a coward. The city is willing to give this troublemaker the right to fairness. Yet, the city does not give the LCCR the common courtesy of fairness, excluding them from meetings that concern them, outright ignoring them, bullying, and coercing them into being

"compliant." They're being deliberately railroaded. You call that fair?

We're not talking about a crack house, or a drug house, or a whore house, or a hoarded house/yard, or an abandoned/dilapidated house. We're not even talking about a red neck's house with car parts and furniture on the front lawn. We're talking about good hearted people doing a service for society. Volunteers devoting their time to help abandoned, pregnant, scared, sick, injured, and abused cats. They keep their heads down and attend to their business without disrupting the neighborhood. LCCR is a safe haven for the unwanted.

Giving a non-profit organization regulations on how to care for their own cats? The city needs to get off of their high horse. Come down from that pedestal and into reality. Do city personnel volunteer at the LCCR? Do they clean the litter boxes? Do they feed the cats or give them treats? Do they give the cats love and affection? Do they administer their medication? Do they take the cats to the vet when they're sick or need a check up? Do they play with or cuddle the cats? Do they wash the cat's beds and blankets? Do they vacuum up the cat's fur? Do they buy the cats toys or gifts? Do they clean their food dishes and kennels? Do they help run the LCCR's Facebook pages, website, or other social media platforms? Do they clean up the cat's barf or other bodily function accidents? Do they volunteer their time; months needed to bond with scared, abandoned cats? Do they take cats to the vet to get euthanized? Do they know what needs to be done to ensure that the cats have everything that they need to be healthy? Do they know what needs to be done to keep the property/house clean and up to code?

No. They do not. 2 volunteers for 60+ cats? The emaciated cats that come in HAVE to be on a specific feeding regimen or else they will die. 2 people cannot carry out this important, lifesaving task. Ill cats need medication at specific times, morning, afternoon, evening, graveyard. 2 people cannot carry out this important, lifesaving task.

Is the city going to flip the bill for the LCCR's move and assistance with their bills? They cannot afford a new location. Even if the money was raised, they will not be able to afford the bills. Do you know how hard it is to relocate a non-profit animal rescue? It's not just about finding a new location. It has to be accommodating to ALL of their needs, including financially, which is non-existent. The location that they're at now is perfect for them. They have low facility costs where they are now. Meaning that the money that they get from donations go directly to medical, food, shelter etc.

Why does the city want to uproot two decades of hard work? The LCCR is a labor of love. Bylaws can be changed. Instead of wasting time threatening and abusing the LCCR. The city should invest that time into changing the laws. Do not say that it cannot be done. It CAN be done; the city just chooses not to do it. If the city does not want to change the laws, the LCCR has been in operation for almost 20-years, they're grandfathered in already. The city can

surely make an acceptance for them. There have been zero complaints until this troublesome neighbor moved in.

So, the city is limiting the food deliveries? Does the city know how the LCCR's food deliveries work? Does the city know that people stop by randomly and donate food? What if the LCCR runs out of a specific medicated food for an ill cat? While the city is at it, they can limit the food deliveries for hospitals, retirement homes, school lunch programs, and their own mouths. These cats come to the LCCR suffering from abandonment, abuse, neglect, starvation, harsh winters, health problems, Injuries etc. All at the hands of deplorable humans. No punishment for them, though, huh? No punishment for neglectful owners who refuse to get their cats spayed or neutered. Maybe the city should make a law that makes it mandatory for cats to be spayed, neutered, and kept indoors/catios. Make it easier for cat rescues.

Are you aware that there is a neighbor close to the LCCR with a female cat in heat? The cat goes to the LCCR's catios and harasses the LCCR's cats. The female cat yells loudly because she's in heat. It makes the LCCR look bad. I bet the nosey next-door neighbor has already made another complaint about it, thinking it's an LCCR cat making the noise. Staff from the LCCR have spoken to the neighbor with the female cat pleading with him to get her fixed, but he refuses. The cat is going to get pregnant. The cat will be abandoned while pregnant or the kittens will be thrown into a trash can. There's no punishment for these vile, irresistible people.

Instead, the city is punishing those who stepped up to help and rehabilitate these cats, and the cats themselves, the victims. LCCR is a no kill shelter and the SO that is in place right now forced them into an intake freeze. Meaning they have to turn down any cat that comes to them. These cats will die and that's because of the city. The cats that are turned away are in dire need. The city is taking away their right to live. Their right to medical care, food, and shelter. The Criminal Code of Canada prohibits anyone from willfully causing animals to suffer from neglect, pain, or injury. The city is in violation.

If you carry out the complaints and bylaw and enforce the shelter to move... You're creating more abuse by taking away a place that stray cats need to survive. YOU will be responsible. YOU will be the abuser. YOU will be the cause of innocent cats dying. Stop doing right by the code. Rules can be broken for the greater good. Rules are broken for the rich all of the time. All that matters in life is the good that you do for the less fortunate. These cats desperately need your help. Do the right thing because it's the right thing to do! You know in your heart that letting the LCCR stay where they are is the only choice that one has when they are a conscientious individual with morals.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,  
Kristin Enns.

**David Sarsfield**

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**From:** Alex Epstein <zalexep1@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 4, 2022 10:48 PM  
**To:** David Sarsfield  
**Subject:** [External] LCCR Support

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Hello Mr. David Sarsfield.

My name is Alex Epstein, a student from Virginia. I am writing you on behalf of the Last Chance Cat Ranch, specifically the Stop Order that was issued.

The additional order of only 2 volunteers per day is arbitrary and grossly inadequate.

- This order is putting the cats in care in a neglectful situation as is the house itself.
- Two people cannot possibly manage what needs to be done.
- This order needs to be rescinded.

The additional order of food delivery every 7 days is also arbitrary and creates yet another layer of hardship as this organization strives to maintain the rescue.

- This order needs to be rescinded.

The Last Chance Cat Ranch has operated out of that same location for 18 years.

- As a supporter it is difficult to comprehend why suddenly they are targeted and forced to vacate even if they are in violation of a bylaw.
- This should have been dealt with many, many years ago.

They have done so much good work for the City of Lethbridge and the homeless and neglected cats in the city and surrounding areas.

The city, surely, could find a way to help them

Thank you,  
Alex

**From:** [Cosmic Bengal](#)  
**To:** [Lloyd Brierley](#); [Office of Council](#); [Office of the Mayor](#); [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] LCCR The Last Chance Cat Rescue  
**Date:** Saturday, March 5, 2022 8:34:59 PM

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing you on behalf of the Last Chance Cat Ranch, specifically regarding the Stop Order that was recently issued.

Surely you can see the harm that will be done to these animals by forcing the reduction of daily volunteers to only 2 individuals. Only allowing 2 volunteers per day is putting the cats in a neglected situation and doing nothing good for their care. You're single handedly forcing animal neglect and creating poor welfare situations for these felines. You MUST allow more than 2 people per day. What harm to the neighbors could this possible pose? This order needs to be rescinded.

The additional order of food delivery every 7 days creates yet another layer of hardship as this organization takes random donations to thrive and maintain the rescue. Donations come at different intervals and restricting this will also hinder them gravely. They need to be able to graciously take in donations and deliveries when the generous citizens who support their efforts have the time to donate them. This order also needs to be rescinded immediately.

For over 18 years The Last Chance Cat Ranch has operated out of this location without problems from the neighbors or the city for that matter. Because of the efforts of only a few, they are now being forced to relocate their entire facility. This is a huge inconvenience for a non profit to endure. In the meantime these restrictions mentioned above are a little overboard and only doing harm to the care of the cats.

As a supporter of the LCCR, I'm really trying hard to understand why all of a sudden they're being targeted like this. The last time these individuals caused problems towards the LCCR they were found not to be in violation of any laws. Now they're digging deep to find bylaws that they can hold against them? Even if they are in violation of a couple bylaws, why must they be forced to vacate? Why wasn't this addressed long ago? They have been around almost 2 decades and these bylaws have never been an issue until now.

They have done so much good work for the City of Lethbridge and the homeless and neglected cats in the city and surrounding areas. Surely you can see how important they are in what they do.

Please, please please find a way to help them stay where they are and until then please remove the above mentioned restrictions so they can effectively operate and properly care for the cats that are in their possession.

Respectfully,

Josh and Michelle Farnsworth

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Vice President New Vision Cat Club (NVCC)  
Owner of CosmicBengal LLC

All our social links in one spot  
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**From:** [Linda Filizetti](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#); [Lloyd Brierley](#); [Office of Council](#); [Office of the Mayor](#)  
**Cc:** [thelccr@gmail.com](mailto:thelccr@gmail.com)  
**Subject:** [External] Re: The Last Chance Cat Ranch  
**Date:** Monday, March 7, 2022 3:57:41 PM

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To whom it may concern

I am writing you on behalf of the Last Chance Cat Ranch, specifically the Stop Order that was issued beginning of this month.

I know that you are just working on what you think is accurate and justified orders but please take a moment to consider the below issues you be causing

1. The additional order of only 2 volunteers per day is arbitrary and grossly inadequate. This leaves for others issues to arise
2. This order is putting the cats in care in a neglectful situation as is the house itself.
3. Two people cannot possibly manage what needs to be done.
  - This order needs to be rescinded.
4. The additional order of food delivery every 7 days is also arbitrary and creates yet another layer of hardship as this organization strives to maintain the rescue.
  - This order needs to be rescinded.

Facts:

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The city, surely, could find a way to help them

3. Having to sell the home and remove all the cats and cats furniture seems a difficult if not impossible task to do in one year.

Please take all the above into consideration as well as negative publicity you are going to receive (worldwide) if you follow through with this

Sincerely

Linda Filizetti  
Michigan, USA

My home address:  
219 N Karle Street  
Westland Michigan

48185

Sent from my T-Mobile 5G Device  
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**From:** [Yvonne Frechette](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Last Chance Cat Ranch  
**Date:** Sunday, March 6, 2022 1:22:40 PM  
**Attachments:** [image.png](#)  
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The Last Chance Cat Ranch has operated out of that same location for going on 18 years. As a supporter it is difficult to comprehend why suddenly they are targeted and forced to vacate even if they are in violation of a bylaw. This should have been dealt with many, many years ago. They have done so much good work for the City of Lethbridge and the homeless and neglected cats in the city and surrounding areas. The city, surely could find a way to help them.

Please do not let this organization slip between the cracks. They are crucial to the community of Lethbridge and surrounding areas as they take in strays off the street and take in cats that would otherwise be literally thrown out like trash due to illness. I urge you to look deep into your heart and soul and understand these wonderful people are doing great things and if you follow through with this stop order the animals will suffer. Don't let one person who obviously hates cats (the neighbour across the street) ruin such a beautiful thing.

Thank you.  
Yvonne Frechette  
13416 140st  
Edmonton AB T5L2E3  
587-591-2161

Also signed,  
Esra and Mikey  
They humbly request you save their cat friends from this stop order.





**From:** [Glass, Amy J](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Cc:** [thelccr@gmail.com](mailto:thelccr@gmail.com)  
**Subject:** [External] Last Chance Cat Ranch  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 8, 2022 5:43:17 PM

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I am writing on behalf of the Last Chance Cat Ranch to object to the recent Stop Order.

There are many cats in need of care including feedings and medications multiple times a day. Approximately 6 volunteers per day are needed to provide proper care for the cats. Thus, the arbitrary limit of only 2 volunteers per day is far too restrictive. Please focus on what specific issues the neighbors might have and work to resolve them in a manner that is suitable to all, or at least a reasonable compromise.

Why do food deliveries need to be on a set schedule? Are homes routinely limited to deliveries just once a week? Even if try to schedule deliveries on a specified day of the week, some packages arrive early and some late - beyond the customer's control.

Last Chance Cat Ranch has operated in that location for nearly 18 years. They do endless good work for homeless and neglected cats in the city and surrounding areas. They fill a desperate need through their important rescue work.

Do not listen to a neighbor (or neighbors) just because they complain loudly and frequently. There must be a more reasonable outcome that does not involve insisting on substandard care for cats in need. Halt the Stop Order and take more time to look for a better, more balanced solution.

Amy Glass  
3206 Greta Ct  
College Station, TX 77845  
USA

**From:** [Stephanie Goodwin](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#); [Office of the Mayor](#); [Office of Council](#); [Lloyd Brierley](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Last Chance Cat Ranch  
**Date:** Friday, March 4, 2022 10:05:10 PM

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To Whom It May Concern, City of Lethbridge:

My name is Stephanie Brown, and I have connected with Last Chance Cat Ranch via TikTok over this past year. I'm not local; I live in Alabama (USA) and volunteer with a cat rescue here. I have been impressed, inspired, and personally very positively impacted by the remarkable people at LCCR and the phenomenal good they do for the cat community in Lethbridge. I was disturbed and disheartened to hear of the city coming against them. I understand that laws are laws, but I feel they genuinely did not know they were in violation (as they claim they were told they weren't in violation) and it seems unlawful to require LCCR to adjust operations to a point that would essentially be paramount to animal abuse. They should be given adequate time to relocate, and they should be permitted to continue to adequately care for the cats in their rescue in the meantime. From your neighbor in the south, I implore you to reconsider the timeline in this situation, knowing that there are lives at stake. Cat lives, to be sure, but cat lives matter too - and the work LCCR does for those cats makes a meaningful difference to people around the globe.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Stephanie Brown

**From:** [Shannon](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] LCCR stop order  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 9, 2022 5:59:22 PM

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The Last Chance Cat Ranch has operated out of that same location for going on 18 years. As a supporter it is difficult to comprehend why suddenly they are targeted and forced to vacate even if they are in violation of a bylaw. This should have been dealt with many, many years ago. They have done so much good work for the City of Lethbridge and the homeless and neglected cats in the city and surrounding areas. The city, surely could find a way to help them.

This is absolutely appalling and disheartening to make a target of an animal rescue. These people dedicate their money and their time to these sweet souls. If Lethbridge had a bylaw for cats, this would not be an issue. If Lethbridge helped to fund the rescue, this would likely not be an issue.

I am completely disgusted and horrified that the city is doing this to them. I am sincerely ashamed of those involved.

Please rectify this and find your hearts,

Shannon Gwynne  
350 Trent Ave  
Winnipeg, MB  
R2K1E7

**From:** [Abstract Lynn](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Last Chance Cat Ranch  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 9, 2022 7:46:09 AM

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I'm writing in regards to the stop order given to the "Last Chance Cat Ranch".

This facility is a Blessing to your Community. The immaculate condition of property speaks for itself as well as the 106 volunteers who keep it maintained daily. If any City Official believes that only a couple volunteers can keep the property this clean, I believe they are "on the take".

The news expo showing the spotless property should be enough to make your final decision. I would feel ecstatic if our Township had availability to a facility like this. We only have a Humane Society run by the state and it hardly compares to the "Last Chance Cat Ranch" facility.

I'm asking for a resolve in favor of the facility.

Most respectfully,  
Lynn S Heverly  
1416 Rosehill Drive Extension  
Altoona, PA. 16602

**From:** [dayna hildebrand](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Last Chance Cat Ranch  
**Date:** Monday, March 14, 2022 3:29:05 PM

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Hello David,

My name is Dayna Hildebrand and I am writing you on behalf of the Last Chance Cat Ranch, specifically the Stop Order that was issued.

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Please help this organization instead of making it harder for them to do the work. Humans are responsible for the well being of domesticated animals and that means local governments should be supportive in any way possible.

Thank you,

Dayna Hildebrand  
947 Northmount Drive  
Calgary AB  
T2L 0B1

**From:** [Nicolette.](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Please save Last Chance Cat Ranch  
**Date:** Thursday, March 10, 2022 8:25:53 AM

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Nicolette Horsman  
587-703-8602  
6704 Malvern Road NE, Calgary AB, T2A5C4

Hello,

I am writing you on behalf of the Last Chance Cat Ranch, specifically the Stop Order that was issued.

When I lived in Lethbridge, I was amazed that this organization could do so much with just the help of volunteers. They're all people dedicating their free time to help these very vulnerable cats. From what I remember during my time in Lethbridge, there was a huge problem with cats roaming and getting injured. These people that you're trying to shut down, help with this problem. There is no organization like it, even in my huge city of Calgary. They are literal angels that you're trying to crush. Closing this facility or limiting their volunteers or food intake, is so wrong and whoever is trying to make them stop clearly has no heart and does not care for others. It would be a huge mistake to stop Last Chance Cat Ranch from operating.

The additional order of only 2 volunteers per day is arbitrary and grossly inadequate. This order is putting the cats in care in a neglectful situation as is the house itself. Two people cannot possibly manage what needs to be done. This order needs to be rescinded.

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Sincerely,

Nicolette Horsman  
587-703-8602  
6704 Malvern Road NE, Calgary AB, T2A5C4

**From:** [Kelsey H](#)  
**To:** [Office of Council](#); [Office of the Mayor](#); [Lloyd Brierley](#); [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** Re: [External] Last Chance Cat Ranch  
**Date:** Monday, March 7, 2022 3:40:50 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)

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Thank you! It's also come to my attention that my name and address were needed to have this forwarded to the appeal committee.

Kelsey Hughes  
PO Box 872285  
Wasilla, AK 99687

My message sent again to make it easier/all in the same place:

I am someone who works in cat rescue from Alaska and it came to my attention that the Last Chance Cat Ranch has been put under some unrealistic expectations for the cats health and safety. Just writing to show my support to LCCR and the integral work that they do in your community. Communities *need* animal rescue organizations to help combat the overpopulation of pets (through spay/neutering), find homes for animals, and provide resources/education to the community. LCCR does all of this and more, and the sanctions that have been placed upon them threatens their ability to perform adequate care for the cats. I am pleading to find it in you to reassess the situation and find a solution that ensures LCCR being able to continue doing the integral animal rescue work that they provide for your community.

On Mon, Mar 7, 2022 at 1:21 PM Office of Council <[council@lethbridge.ca](mailto:council@lethbridge.ca)> wrote:

Dear Kelsey

Thank you for your email regarding the Last Chance Cat Ranch. Your email has been received and will be shared with all members of Council.

City Council has been made aware the Last Chance Cat Ranch has been issued a phased-in stop order for being in violation of the City's Land Use Bylaw. When the City issues a stop order, there is an operational process that is followed by City staff that does not involve City Council. To be fair to all parties, there is also a clearly defined appeal process through the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board (SDAB).

At this time, the Last Chance Cat Ranch has filed an appeal to the SDAB and that process will be followed, as per legislation. The appeal is scheduled for March 31, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. in Council Chamber at City Hall.

Again, City Council will remain outside of this third party, independent process. The work of the Last Chance Cat Ranch has been a valued service in our community and we thank the

dedicated volunteers that have helped the organization over the years.

Sincerely,



**Office of Council**  
City of Lethbridge

**E:** [council@lethbridge.ca](mailto:council@lethbridge.ca)

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Lethbridge, AB, T1J 0P6

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[311.lethbridge.ca](http://311.lethbridge.ca)

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**From:** Kelsey H <[kelsey.powell619@gmail.com](mailto:kelsey.powell619@gmail.com)>

**Sent:** Friday, March 4, 2022 5:35 PM

**To:** David Sarsfield <[David.Sarsfield@lethbridge.ca](mailto:David.Sarsfield@lethbridge.ca)>; Office of Council <[council@lethbridge.ca](mailto:council@lethbridge.ca)>;  
Office of the Mayor <[mayor@lethbridge.ca](mailto:mayor@lethbridge.ca)>; Lloyd Brierley <[Lloyd.Brierley@lethbridge.ca](mailto:Lloyd.Brierley@lethbridge.ca)>

**Subject:** [External] Last Chance Cat Ranch

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Thank you,

Kelsey Hughes

Wasilla, AK

**From:** [Jimmy H](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#); [Office of the Mayor](#); [Office of Council](#); [Lloyd Brierley](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Concerned  
**Date:** Friday, March 4, 2022 5:30:51 PM

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To Whom It May Concern,

Hello, my name is James Humphries of Cheverly Maryland USA. I'm emailing you because I have become aware that the city of Lethbridge has ordered the cat rescue known as Last Chance Cat Rescue to reduce necessary movement on the property of the rescue for proper care of the animals. The rescue has stated they know they must move in a year and it is cruel of the city to endanger the animals by forcing the rescue to reduce care by crippling their access to volunteer help. It shows the city is out of touch on what is needed to care for large numbers of living beings and does not promote the idea that those who made this decision are qualified to make decisions on behalf of the most vulnerable. Animals are often regarded as less than and when those in charge do not care what happens to them or how they are cared for it makes you wonder what they think of the most vulnerable people. Do better. The world is watching.

-James Humphries of Cheverly Maryland USA

**From:** [Denise Hurley](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] The Last Chance Cat Ranch  
**Date:** Sunday, March 6, 2022 1:34:17 PM

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Good Morning sir,

I am writing you on behalf of the Last Chance Cat Ranch, specifically the Stop Order that was issued.

Please add my email to the appeal emails you already have.

There are huge concerns and awful consequences to evicting these animals and our organization from this property.

The order of only 2 volunteers per day is arbitrary and grossly inadequate.

This order is putting the cats in care in a neglectful situation as is the house itself. There are emaciated cats that will need nutrition more than twice a day. Also there are cats that need medication up to 4 times a day so this is a cruel and harsh order.

Two people cannot possibly manage what needs to be done. This order needs to be revoked.

The additional order of food delivery every 7 days is also arbitrary and creates yet another layer of hardship as this organization strives to maintain the rescue. We can not expect kind people in Lethbridge to stop what they're doing and drop off donations only when we say they can. Does the food bank have these rules?

This order needs to be revoked.

The Last Chance Cat Ranch has operated out of that same location for 18 years and has rescued thousands of cats. The house is immaculate and the cats are very well cared for and the volunteers work tirelessly. Volunteers give up breaks and lunch at work to drop in and feed or medicate, pick up or drop off ( from the most expensive vet at the end of the street because of convenience ) from Family Pet.

As a supporter it is difficult to comprehend why suddenly they are targeted and forced to vacate even if they are in violation of a bylaw. This should have been dealt with many, many years ago. They have done so much good work for the City of Lethbridge and the homeless and neglected cats in the city and surrounding areas. The city, surely could find a way to help them.

Please be a part of the solution and not the problem

Sincerely and very kindly

Denise Hurley

Volunteer and supporter of LCCR

Work hard, be kind, and amazing things will happen.

[Conan O'Brien](#)

**From:** [agavin1000](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] LCCR  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 8, 2022 5:56:21 PM

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Annie Jung  
206 1114 16th ave sw Calgary Alberta  
T2R0T6

Sent from my Galaxy

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Sent from my Galaxy

**From:** [Kyra Kallies](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Halt the LCCR Stop Order  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 8, 2022 7:07:27 PM

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing you on behalf of the Last Chance Cat Ranch, specifically the Stop Order that was issued. It is paramount that this decision be reconsidered.

I have followed and donated to Last Chance Cat Ranch on social media for years. I have sent multiple friends and family from my small town to the rescue to adopt cats and kittens that have brought nothing but joy into their lives. LCCR is an organization of utterly amazing people. They are a selfless, generous, and truly resilient organization aiding in the control and rescuing of hundreds to thousands of cats in the Southwestern Alberta area. The founder and volunteers both are dedicated to the efforts and services they provide for your city.

The additional order of only 2 volunteers per day is arbitrary and grossly inadequate. This order is putting the cats in care in a neglectful situation as is the house itself. Two people cannot possibly manage what needs to be done. This order needs to be rescinded. The additional order of food delivery every 7 days is also arbitrary and creates yet another layer of hardship as this organization strives to maintain the rescue. This order needs to be rescinded.

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Please consider this a plea to reverse the order to vacate, reverse the unrealistic and damaging addendums, and to consider the huge amount of work Last Chance Cat Ranch does for the city of Lethbridge. Please send this to the appeals board so that my voice can be a part of the huge amount of citizens in Lethbridge and surrounding areas who support and depend on LCCR.

Thank you for the time you took to read,

Kyra Kallies, RN, BSN  
204-425A Keevil Crescent  
Saskatoon, SK  
S7N4R9

**From:** [Elana Kemp](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#); [mayor@lethbride.ca](mailto:mayor@lethbride.ca); [Office of Council](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Appeals Board  
**Date:** Thursday, March 17, 2022 7:07:32 PM

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Elana Kemp, PO Box 1981, High Prairie, AB. T0G 1E0

March 17, 2022

City of Lethbridge Appeals Board,  
Mayor Hyggen  
Council Members  
Lethbridge, AB.

C/O David Sarsfield

Dear City of Lethbridge, Esteemed Council, Honorable Mayor and City Appeals Board

It has come to my attention that you have given the Last Chance Cat Ranch notice that they must restrict visitors, deliveries, and other essential needs for the rescue and vacate the premises within a year. This is shameful! Not only has the city continuously refused to provide support to an organization that makes an enormous difference for cats in the city and surrounding area but now you are actively working to kick them out of their home! I do not understand this action. This was decided without public hearing. This rescue should be SUPPORTED by the city. They work tirelessly to alleviate suffering, caused by uncaring residents, for the smallest among us.

The rescue has been operated by Elizabeth for over 18 years. She is now fighting stage 4 cancer. This amazing lady has put every penny into this rescue to only receive heartbreak and discouragement with every turn. **What have you done to alleviate suffering?** These animals are innocent victims, and you can make a difference in their lives!

Each council member can make a difference. Change this ridiculous mandate and instead take this opportunity to make up for past missteps. Support this lady and the incredible rescue she has created. Recognize the value of all lives and help to end suffering. Support this rescue. Change what needs changing in the by-laws and put money to good use and commit to yearly support for the animals.

Thank you,

Elana Kemp

**From:** [Joan and Juergen Ross](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Last Chance Cat Ranch Stop Order  
**Date:** Monday, March 14, 2022 10:29:22 PM

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ATTENTION: Mr. David Sarsfield

Why has the City of Lethbridge issued a stop order to the non-profit organization Last Chance Cat Ranch, when only one neighbour; Joshua Russomanno fabricated accusations against LCCR and found to be untrue by senior bylaw officer Dave Henley. Last Chance Cat Ranch is reducing the cat population humanely, while providing a "free service" to the community? The City of Calgary works with animal rescues such as AARCS, Meow Foundation amongst others. Why can't Lethbridge do the same instead of penalizing LCCR? If the City of Lethbridge and animal rescues did work together there would be a much better chance of reducing the overpopulation.

Cat bylaws, Lethbridge Animal Shelter & Lethbridge & District Humane Society have all proven unsuccessful in controlling the overpopulation. The humane society has been in Lethbridge for 52 years and they still haven't accomplished this. As last November Barb Grodzicky of the Lethbridge & District Humane Society advised they were already over capacity at their shelter. Millions of dollars have been spent on running these animal shelters and many will not adopt from them because they're known for being kill shelters. In 2014 Lethbridge Animal Shelter underwent \$657,000 in renovations, which included a designated maternity wing for cats. Is council not being irresponsible, as tax dollars used for these shelters are supposed to help reduce the overpopulation and find all the animals homes? To get to the root of the cat overpopulation, wouldn't it better to spend money on something as simple as a spaying & neutering program open to anyone who pays taxes and not just for low income individuals? Lethbridge would be praised for not only reducing their overpopulation, but also lowering costs to its taxpayers.

If there were no animal rescues such as the Last Chance Cat Ranch, there would be a higher volume of complaints by disgruntled or deranged residents who take matters into their own hands. This would result in higher taxes due to the higher volume of complaints to both animal control and police services. Without these rescues it would take up more of council's time; such as Joshua Russomanno's fabricated complaints against the LCCR.

Regards,

Joan Kerbes  
235 Shawnee Gardens SW  
Calgary, AB T2Y 2V1

403-931-5300

**From:** [Eilidh Kittles](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Last Chance Cat Ranch  
**Date:** Monday, March 7, 2022 9:00:07 PM

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David Sarsfield

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The additional order of food delivery every 7 days is also arbitrary and creates yet another layer of hardship as this organization strives to maintain the rescue. This order needs to be rescinded.

Five years ago, I drove 13 hours to adopt two kittens from The Last Chance Cat Ranch. Sadly both of these kittens were animal cruelty and, in some other rescues, one of my kittens would have been put down as he had a broken hip. To the volunteers and to the rescue saving that kitten was worth it. The fact that a rescue like the Last Chance Cat Ranch serves your community and the many others around it should be a source of pride, rectifying the horrific cruelty of those in society, one that you should inspire you to help rather than hinder.

The Last Chance Cat Ranch has operated out of that same location for 18 years. As a supporter it is difficult to comprehend why suddenly they are targeted and forced to vacate even if they are in violation of a bylaw. This should have been dealt with many, many years ago. They have done so much good work for the City of Lethbridge and the homeless and neglected cats in the city and surrounding areas. The city, surely could find a way to help them.

Eilidh Kittles  
8608 Machell St  
Mission, BC V4S0E1

**From:** [Moira Laidlaw](#)  
**To:** [Office of Council](#); [David Sarsfield](#); [Lloyd Brierley](#); [Office of the Mayor](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Re: The Last Chance Cat Ranch  
**Date:** Sunday, March 6, 2022 1:20:13 AM

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Hello again,

It has come to my attention that I need to include my name and address I'm my email. My name is Moira Laidlaw and my current address is 4-8-28 Hondori, Kureshi, Hiroshimaken, Japan.

Thank you again,

Moira

On Sun, Mar 6, 2022 at 5:15 PM Moira Laidlaw <[moiralaidlaw7@gmail.com](mailto:moiralaidlaw7@gmail.com)> wrote:

Hello all,

My name is Moira Laidlaw and I am from Kamloops, BC, Canada, though I currently live in Hiroshima, Japan.

I have been a supporter of Last Chance Cat Ranch for a couple of years now, following them on social media (TikTok and Facebook) and have even donated money to them. They are an organization doing important work, caring for animals who would otherwise be left to die alone. They are a registered charity as well, but are being treated by the city of Lethbridge like pariahs despite their work.

LCCR is currently looking to move to a location where they can continue operations without disturbing their neighbours, but need the time and opportunity to do so in a way that doesn't injure or cause discomfort to the animals they provide care for. In the meantime, they need to be allowed to continue operations as the restrictions that have been placed on them by the city will result in them being unable to properly care for their animals. This will result in animal abuse at the hands of the city of Lethbridge.

LCCR has thousands of supporters, not just in Lethbridge, in Alberta, or even in Canada, but around the world. We are all rooting for the city of Lethbridge to do the right thing and give LCCR the opportunity to continue their important charitable work in a way that works both for the city and for the cats.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Moira Laidlaw

**From:** [Jordyn Laroche](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Last Chance Cat Ranch  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 8, 2022 9:47:04 PM

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Jordyn Laroche  
1212-8402 Willow Dr  
Grande Prairie Ab, T8X0P9

**From:** [Adele Levy](#)  
**To:** [Office of the Mayor](#); [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Re: Last Chance Cat Rescue  
**Date:** Monday, March 7, 2022 1:31:03 PM

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Dear Sirs,

I am writing regarding the "Stop Order" that was issued against Last Chance Cat Rescue. From what I understand the rescue understands they have to relocate and have one year to do so. My question/concern is why are you placing restrictions that virtually make it impossible for them to continue to care for the cats already in their charge? This rescue helps your community keep sick, injured, and procreating cats off your city streets. They are well respected by us here in the US as I am sure they are in Canada. Instead of causing this rescue undo grief and/or harm you should be making this transition as easy as possible for them. For example, allowing only 1 food delivery per week during a time when there are cat food shortages (yes, many store shelves are bare!) could result in the cats not being fed their proper diet or even food rationing. Allowing only 2 people per day to care for all these cats could result in cats not getting the proper sanitation or medication they need. There are too many cats for just 2 people to properly care for. These sanctions show a disregard for the welfare and safety of the cats housed at the rescue. Last Chance Cat Rescue is doing good works in your community. Please help them! Don't hurt the rescue or the cats in their care. This rescue is the home of Bob, a 24 year old cat who survived a fire. Protect the rescue that cares for Bob and all his cat friends. Please rescind your orders.

Sincerely,

Adele Levy

Whittier, California USA 90603

**From:** [Gail B Liggett](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Last Chance volunteer decision  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 9, 2022 7:35:16 AM

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Dear Mr. Sarsfield,

I am writing to you to object and complain about the restriction that had been placed on the Last Chance Cat Ranch in Lethbridge. Two volunteers to help with the care of these cats is sorrowfully inadequate and contributes to a increased stress for the animals and the caring people that tend to these abused and feral cats.

Volunteers are not paid. These are people that are committed to caring for these injured and abused animals. It is extremely important that the kitties are properly cared for otherwise these animals are being subjected to more neglect.

The decision to limit the number of volunteers is will not meet the basic needs of animal care and I feel the City of Lethbridge must stop the order in limiting the number of volunteers caring for these animals. Lethbridge is a caring community and this order as it stands looks to support the neglect these cats have suffered over their lives. Is this the Lethbridge you want portrayed? This is what it looks like from Calgary. The order to limit volunteers must be reversed.

Thank you for your consideration to this most important matter.

Gail Liggett  
109 Edenstone Pl NW  
Calgary, AB  
T3A3Z3

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Jody MacNeil](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Last Chance Cat Ranch Lethbridge  
**Date:** Sunday, March 20, 2022 5:35:42 PM

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I am writing in regards to the Stop Order that was issued. Why after 18 years is this much needed cat rescue being targeted? I am also very concerned about the conditions set forth. There is no way for two volunteers a day to take care of the cats. They require food, water, litter boxes being cleaned, medications administered - sometimes several times a day, wounds tended to, cats being brushed & played with, general cleaning of the intake house. This order is going to cause harm & is promoting neglect. Food delivery only every 7 days is not feasible.

LCCR provided a much needed service. The volunteers have rescued & provided essential care to so many cats over the years. I have followed & supported the rescue for many years & I have a beautiful cat that I adopted from them in 2017. I donate regularly & promote their essential rescue.

It is disgraceful that they receive no financial aid from the government.

The government should be funding & promoting trap-neuter/spay clinics to help community cats. There should be a facility that offers reasonable priced spay & neuter/vaccinations for owed cats. Rescues should be supported & recognized for all the hard, heart wrenching work they do. Lethbridge & all the surrounding towns in Southern Alberta need to step up. It's 2022 & we need to do better.

Jody MacNeil  
6911-15 Avenue North West  
Edmonton, AB  
T6K 3V1

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Michelle](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#); [Office of the Mayor](#); [Office of Council](#); [Lloyd Brierley](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Last Chance Cat Ranch  
**Date:** Monday, March 7, 2022 8:15:56 AM

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Good afternoon,

I'm writing in concern for the Last Chance Cat Ranch operating in Lethbridge, Canada. I realize I am in the United States and that this plea may not be relevant to you, but speaking for cats and animals all over the world, when one hurts we all hurt. This pet rescue has been operating for many years and from what I know of it, with little complaints from the community or personal issues.

This is one of the cleanest rescues/adoption facilities I have ever seen. We have a ton of rescues in America and let me tell you, they don't seem nearly as clean and well run as this one. All their videos show almost every room and all of their outside area and it's always spotless.

Most importantly, the cats that are housed here actually look happy, well loved, well fed and groomed. If you cut that down to only 2 volunteers a day, I'm afraid that might suffer. They need to take care of the animals to ensure their safety for cleanliness and not to starve. Some of these cats receive medical attention that might require them to be looked at more than once a day.

I feel they are being cut off from all the good that they've done.

Not to sound silly, but these are souls inside these cats. They depend on the goodness of humans and that's exactly what this group of volunteers do daily.

Please reconsider the actions that are going on right now and allow them to get the food they need and the care they need while they're still there.

It's for mankind after all. So few people would volunteer for something like this and the ones that do deserve sainthood in my book.

Thank you for taking the time to read this from a foreigner, but also a friend of animals.

Michelle Matley

853 7th Ave.  
San Bruno, CA 94066  
510-760-0818

Please feel free to contact me if need be.

Thank you.

**From:** [Kristin McCloskey](#)  
**To:** [Lloyd Brierley](#); [David Sarsfield](#); [Office of the Mayor](#); [Office of Council](#)  
**Subject:** [External] In support of Last Chance Cat Ranch  
**Date:** Friday, March 4, 2022 9:10:49 PM

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I am writing to you from Madison, Wisconsin, USA on behalf of the Last Chance Cat Ranch about the Stop Order that was recently enacted.

Also, the order of only two volunteers per day is arbitrary and grossly inadequate. With only two volunteers per day, the cats will greatly suffer and the building itself will deteriorate. Two volunteers per days but the cats and the community at risk. Two people cannot support the needs of the cats and the upkeep of the building to create a safe community. Please rescind this order immediately.

The additional order of food delivery every seven days is also arbitrary and poses another roadblock to locating a new location. Please rescind this order immediately.

The Last Chance Cat Ranch has operated out of that same location for 18 years. It is hard to understand why, after almost two decades, policies are only NOW being enforced. This should have been addressed much earlier.

Last Chance Cat Ranch has done so much good work for the City of Lethbridge and the homeless and neglected cats in the city and surrounding areas.

The city, surely, could find a way to help them. Please allow Last Chance Cat Rescue to continue operations as normally until they can find a new facility. To do so would be detrimental to not only the neighborhood, but also the animal lovers in the community and around the world.

Sincerely,  
Kristin McCloskey

**From:** [D.Michael](#)  
**To:** [Office of Council](#); [David Sarsfield](#); [Office of the Mayor](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Re: Last Chance Cat Ranch (LCCR)- unreasonable restrictions  
**Date:** Sunday, March 20, 2022 8:49:20 PM

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I'm contacting you on behalf of LCCR, to implore you to support the charitable work done by this organization of volunteers. I believe the actions you are currently taking are purposely and knowingly unreasonable, and you are doing them with the intention of shutting down this admirable charity, without being seen to be responsible for doing so- and that is cowardly. I can only assume you are being persuaded by someone with some financial clout with one of your members or the city, and that is also contemptible.

I would hope that the people who show self-sacrificing charitable behaviour in these tough times would be bouyed up, and held up as an example to others. But you are doing the opposite - telling people to forget about helping others because, as usual, **no good deed goes unpunished.**

As you can assume, I am referring in general to whatever you are doing to force LCCR to find a new home, but more specifically regarding the requirement to limit the number of volunteers who can visit the house per day, and the number of deliveries they can have per day.

I encourage you to check out LCCR on TikTok as I have, and get to know the cats that they help and see first hand the good work they do. TikTok is an app you can install on your phone, or probably visit on the internet.

I follow numerous cat accounts, including LCCR and they have helped me reduce the anger I feel towards the world in general since Covid started - I have literally lost my entire life's savings and then got stage 3 cancer. I visit the cat accounts and its immensely restorative to my mental health. One of the best aspects to it all is that I watch a bunch of people with big hearts genuinely care about their cats and share them with others. And even all the comments that other followers leave are uplifting. I have often taken comfort in the fact that there are a couple of cat rescue places in AB, as i follow others that are primarily in the US, LCCR is one of those two. So to have the Big Bad Alberta Boogie Man crush the little guy trying to do her best is disillusioning, and embarrassing.

If/when you review LCCR and other cat accounts on TikTok, I encourage you to note how many people outwardly confess that they rely on Cat TikTok to maintain their mental health. That's a mental health treatment that costs you nothing, not a budget item in any municipal or provincial budget, and yet look at all the good it does!

I am hoping you will take a step back and think about these intended actions in a larger sense, and choose a higher ground!

Donna Michael  
#12; 1130 Falconer Road  
Edmonton, AB. T6R 2J6

**From:** [Wendy Miller](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#); [Office of the Mayor](#); [Office of Council](#); [lloyd.brierly@lethbridge.ca](mailto:lloyd.brierly@lethbridge.ca)  
**Subject:** [External] Please help the Last Chance Cat Ranch  
**Date:** Monday, March 7, 2022 10:13:03 AM

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To whom it my concern:

I am writing regarding the Last Chance Cat Ranch and your stop order and other restrictions.

These new restrictions create a hazardous, unacceptable and inhumane situation.

The volunteers and care takers are conscientious, good citizens and should be supported and cheered - not hindered and emotionally accosted.

Honestly I don't understand how their actions could even offend anyone.

While I do not live in the area, I have many friends who live in Canada and I have found them to be very kind, caring people.

I am so stunned to hear about the restrictions being imposed on the Last Chance Cat Ranch and urge you to allow them to continue on humanely - without random, unjust restrictions - until they can relocate.

Prior to this, the LCCR has made your community seem like a caring, positive place to live. At this point, due to a very large social media presence, there is nothing but negative feelings being generated and for what reason? Their home does not present any danger or unsightliness for any neighbors nor is it hazardous for the occupants as long as the volunteers are allowed to humanely care for the cats.

Given all the bad in the world these days, why not be on the side of good and HELP the LCCR rather than harm them?

Thank you for your consideration,  
Wendy Miller  
1983 Black Rock Lane  
Paoli, PA 19301  
USA

**From:** [Phoebe Mitchell](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#); [Lloyd Brierley](#); [Office of the Mayor](#); [Office of Council](#); [thelccr@gmail.com](mailto:thelccr@gmail.com); [celiaspikin@gmail.com](mailto:celiaspikin@gmail.com)  
**Subject:** [External] The Last Chance Cat Ranch  
**Date:** Saturday, March 5, 2022 5:06:16 AM

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Hello.

My name is Phoebe, and I am writing to you today as I have heard about this story from overseas, and as a cat owner, it is absolutely heart breaking to see the city of Lethbridge do this to these cats. I am writing to please ask that the city read over the Last Chance Cat Ranche's demands, or are more willing to compromise more on the behalf of the cats.

I am writing you on behalf of the Last Chance Cat Ranch, specifically the Stop Order that was issued.

The additional order of only 2 volunteers per day is arbitrary and grossly inadequate.

- This order is putting the cats in care in a neglectful situation as is the house itself.
- Two people cannot possibly manage what needs to be done.
- This order needs to be rescinded.

The additional order of food delivery every 7 days is also arbitrary and creates yet another layer of hardship as this organization strives to maintain the rescue.

- This order needs to be rescinded.

The Last Chance Cat Ranch has operated out of that same location for 18 years.

- As a supporter it is difficult to comprehend why suddenly they are targeted and forced to vacate even if they are in violation of a bylaw.
- This should have been dealt with many, many years ago.

They have done so much good work for the City of Lethbridge and the homeless and neglected cats in the city and surrounding areas.

The city, surely, could find a way to help them.

**From:** [Michener, Gail](#)  
**To:** [120 Committee Mailbox](#); [Office of Council](#); [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Cc:** [The Last Chance Cat Ranch](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Comment on Last Chance Cat Ranch Stop Order  
**Date:** Monday, March 28, 2022 2:15:25 PM

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**Jenn Schmidt-Rempel, Chair, Community Safety Standing Policy Committee**

**Chair, Animal Welfare Committee**

**David Sarsfield, Secretary, Subdivision and Development Appeal Board**

**City of Lethbridge:**

I write to comment on Stop Order DEN00633 issued 4 March 2022 against the Last Chance Cat Ranch Society, Lethbridge.

The essential issue results from irresponsible pet owners who fail to control or neuter their cats. The resulting burden of stray, unhealthy, and abandoned cats falls on society at large, necessitating animal control by civic authorities, and when that is insufficient, intervention by kindly citizens who volunteer to care for unwanted felines. The Last Chance Cat Ranch (LCCR) is one such agency fulfilling this societal need in the Lethbridge area.

I had occasion to attend the LCCR location twice in late 2019 when I dropped off a stray un-neutered male cat and later collected the carrier in which I had brought him. On both occasions I found the LCCR facility to be clean and well organized. Most notably, my husband, who has sensitive nose, commented that there was no smell at the facility. Incidentally, the volunteers at LCCR took time and effort to habituate the cat to human contact and he was subsequently adopted. A story with a happy ending.

**Requirements in the Stop Order give the impression of being deliberately designed to create difficulties in maintaining adequate care, comfort, and cleanliness at the LCCR facility by imposing a limitation of 2 LCCR volunteers a day versus the normal 4-6 volunteers. Given that one of the complainant’s concerns is odour, reducing the level of daily care is counter-productive and suggests a hidden agenda to create conditions leading to claims of deficiencies in animal welfare and hygiene.**

The Order appears mean-spirited and not a helpful approach to the larger problem of unwanted cats.

Gail Michener

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Gail R. Michener  
Box 99  
Picture Butte  
AB, T0K 1V0

**From:** [Olivia Morris](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#); [Office of the Mayor](#); [Office of Council](#); [Lloyd Brierley](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Last chance cat rescue  
**Date:** Friday, March 4, 2022 10:46:31 PM

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Shame on y'all for trying to restrict and stop the work that this rescue is doing. They do so much good; I would like to think that you would try to work with them and find a solution.

Seriously. Shame on y'all.

Best,  
Olivia Mitton  
Ridgeland Ms

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Karla Najera](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Support for LCCR  
**Date:** Saturday, March 5, 2022 7:46:31 PM

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Good evening,

I am writing you on behalf of the Last Chance Cat Ranch, specifically the Stop Order that was issued.

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- This order is putting the cats in care in a neglectful situation as is the house itself.
- Two people cannot possibly manage what needs to be done.
- This order needs to be rescinded.

The additional order of food delivery every 7 days is also arbitrary and creates yet another layer of hardship as this organization strives to maintain the rescue.

- This order needs to be rescinded.

The Last Chance Cat Ranch has operated out of that same location for 18 years.

- As a supporter it is difficult to comprehend why suddenly they are targeted and forced to vacate even if they are in violation of a bylaw.
- This should have been dealt with many, many years ago.

They have done so much good work for the City of Lethbridge and the homeless and neglected cats in the city and surrounding areas.

The city, surely, could find a way to help them.

Thank you,  
Karla Najera  
13600 Loree Lane  
Rockville MD 20853

Thank you,  
Karla

**From:** [nicollette navratil](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] LCCR stop order  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 9, 2022 3:19:24 PM

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This is absolutely appalling and disheartening to make a target of an animal rescue. These people dedicate their money and their time to these sweet souls. If Lethbridge had a bylaw for cats, this would not be an issue. If Lethbridge helped to fund the rescue, this would likely not be an issue.

I am completely disgusted and horrified that the city is doing this to them. I am sincerely ashamed of those involved.

Please rectify this and find your hearts,

Sent from my iPhone

Nicollette Navratil  
724 sunset place  
Coaldale AB T1m 0c5

**From:** [Jessie Notley](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Cc:** [thelccr@gmail.com](mailto:thelccr@gmail.com)  
**Subject:** [External] LCCR Concerns  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 8, 2022 2:47:48 PM

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Dear Mr. Sarsfield,

I am writing to you today in regards to the absolutely heartbreaking news about the Last Chance Cat Ranch.

I attended the University of Lethbridge from 2016-2020 and during my time there I was fortunate enough to volunteer for the LCCR for two years. Not only was I able to see first hand the incredible home they have made for the cats but I was able to see how the volunteers changed the lives of the cats and adopters.

I think that in order to fully understand the commitment needed in order to save the lives of these cats, one must see first-hand what the volunteers go through on a daily basis. This is in concern to the 2 volunteers daily order. It is impossible to expect an organization this large to have only two volunteers daily. If one were to go into the house and see the routines first-hand, one would understand this. There is a lot of talk about burnout in the workplace, especially with the pandemic that has worn out every worker and student in our country and province. This is no different, you cannot expect volunteers, who have full time jobs, not to burn out.

Not only is this organization run by volunteers, it relies on the donations from many people and other organizations. Without these, there would not be nearly as many cats saved from our harsh world.

The current comments made by the neighbor of the ranch makes the LCCR seem incapable of caring for so many animals. I think it is important to step into the ranch to see how things are run, step into the veterinary center and read about the horrific stories that the animals have gone through. Obviously the ranch is not going to please people who are ignorant to the measures that need to be taken in order to save and rehabilitate animals.

During my time at the ranch, I was able to see the changes that were made for each of the cats that were rescued. One cat in particular, Chachi. Chachi unfortunately passed away after my time at the ranch, however, I was able to see how his life changed with the help of the ranch and the volunteers. This cat came into the ranch as a harsh tom cat. He was shy and untrusting of humans, which makes sense as many of these cats are abused and treated like literal garbage. I was able to see his amazing transformation at the ranch while I was volunteering. He soon became trustful of humans and enjoyed the affection given by the people who volunteer. Without the people at the ranch, Chachi would have likely perished in the harsh winters or would have been hurt by another horrible human.

This is only one of the many cats that I had the fortune of seeing transform into a happy and healthy cat. Many of the cats are adopted after being vetted and nursed back to health and the cats that are not adopted are given a warm home full of love for the remainder of their lives. As a former volunteer for the ranch, I would like to make it clear that these people and the ranch helped me see the good in our world. I was able to understand why we need to help these innocent animals at any cost. The ranch really gave me a new perspective on who I want to be in my future and I wish that it could help others do the same.

Thank you for your time reading this letter.

Jessie Notley  
5922 56st, Olds, AB

**From:** [Michelle Oberg](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Appeals Board - Last Chance Cat Ranch  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 9, 2022 6:52:56 AM

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I fully support stopping the order imposed on Last Chance. The city needs to hear our comments and do the right thing

I am concerned about the unreasonable order issued with 2 volunteers allowed at the house per day. The volunteers cannot give any kind of reasonable care to the cats with this restriction.

Last Chance is a necessary pillar in this community. Consider that your order is impacting the mental health of the volunteers and the community at large who appreciates the care last chance offers to the cats. Humans have an obligation to properly care for the cats. This order is unjust and unnecessary.

Michelle Oberg.  
1314 40 Street SE  
Calgary, AB T2A1K1

**From:** [Randy Pattison](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] In support of Last Chance Cat Ranch  
**Date:** Thursday, March 10, 2022 9:11:19 AM

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WOW!!!! What a shockingly disgusting lack of support from the City of Lethbridge displayed towards The Last Chance Cat Ranch. Is the City of Lethbridge completely blind & so uncaring about the good work this organization does???? Forcing them to move, putting ridiculous restrictions on how they operate (only allowing TWO volunteers PER DAY?!?!), food delivery once every seven days?!?). Organizations like these deal with FAR more stress & strain EVERY day trying to keep up with demand & stretch resources. What they need is support and assistance from the cities where they reside. Sadly the City of Lethbridge (for whatever reason) seems hellbent on causing them more stress & strain. Certainly painting your city out to be a horrible place to live.

This email sent by Deanne Pattison  
36 Stage Coach Meadow  
Rocky View County, Alberta  
T4A 0P2  
(and someone who would NEVER consider moving to Lethbridge)

**From:** [J R Peters](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Cc:** [J R Peters](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Last Chance Cat Ranch  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 8, 2022 7:07:57 PM

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Dear Mr. David Sarsfield, Lethbridge City Clerk —

I am writing you on behalf of the Last Chance Cat Ranch, specifically the Stop Order that was issued.

- > The additional order of only 2 volunteers per day is arbitrary and grossly inadequate. This order is putting the cats in care in a neglectful situation as is the house itself. Two people cannot possibly manage what needs to be done. This order needs to be rescinded.
  
- > The additional order of food delivery every 7 days is also arbitrary and creates yet another layer of hardship as this organization strives to maintain the rescue. This order needs to be rescinded.

The Last Chance Cat Ranch has operated out of that same location for going on 18 years. As a supporter it is difficult to comprehend why suddenly they are targeted and forced to vacate even if they are in violation of a bylaw. This should have been dealt with many, many years ago. They have done so much good work for the City of Lethbridge and the homeless and neglected cats in the city and surrounding areas. The city, surely could find a way to help them.

Thank You,  
J.R. Peters / [jrdzys@aol.com](mailto:jrdzys@aol.com)  
310 Annabelle Lane / Henderson, Nevada 89014, USA

**From:** [Valerie Phillips](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Last Chance Cat Ranch  
**Date:** Sunday, March 6, 2022 8:32:29 PM

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I am contacting you about the Stop Order that was issued to the Last Chance Cat Rescue. The additional order of only two volunteers to care for the cats is horribly unfair. Two people cannot even begin to manage what needs to be done. This order needs to be rescinded immediately. It is putting the cats in a neglectful situation and will be hugely stressful to the volunteers.

The additional order of limiting food delivery to once every week is also arbitrary and adds even more stress and hardship to a rescue organization that is already stretched very thin.

The Last Chance Cat Ranch has operated out of that location for eighteen years, It is incomprehensible that they are being asked to vacate after all they have done for the homeless and neglected cats in the city. Instead of targeting the rescue agency like this, the city should be HELPING them.

Please rescind all these orders and reach out to help the Last Chance Cat Ranch instead.

Thank you.

Valerie Phillips  
Shaunavon SK  
S0N 2M0

**David Sarsfield**

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**From:** Sabrina Qureshi <sabrinacq@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 5, 2022 11:34 AM  
**To:** David Sarsfield  
**Subject:** [External] Last Chance Cat Ranch

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Dear Mr. Sarsfield,

RE: File DEN00633

I am extremely disappointed to read of the challenges that are currently facing Last Chance Cat Ranch as a result of an extremely vindictive neighbour. The City of Lethbridge does not apparently value animal welfare as one of its priorities as evidenced by its lack of support for this organization over the past 18 years. Apparently it has been a good neighbour throughout that time. What has changed? Why, if they are in violation of a bylaw, has that violation been waived until now? Why was it not addressed prior to the current complaint? I am writing to express my support for rescinding the Stop Order that was issued. I do not live in Lethbridge but have been a supporter of LCCR for several years, donating in excess of \$30,000.

The constraints being placed upon this organization are unreasonable and grossly inadequate as they will not allow volunteers to care for animals in an appropriate way. Many of the cats require medication and are on special diets. This means that more than 2 volunteers per day MUST be permitted. Do you require other area residents to limit visitors to 2 per day? The constraint on food deliveries to once per 7 days appears completely arbitrary. What is the reasoning for this? Again, are other area residents restricted to the number of deliveries they can receive each week? This entire concept seems utterly ridiculous!

As you are well aware, LCCR is a volunteer run organization. They have saved many thousands of cats over their 18 years of operation. The suffering that has been alleviated is immeasurable. There are few organizations in Southern Alberta that address the needs of animals to the extent that LCCR does. Having lived in Okotoks for 10 years I know that the prevailing attitude of many is that cats are worthless and have no value. I disagree. Regardless of personal feelings, this Stop Order must be rescinded and LCCR must be permitted to continue operating in a manner that addresses the needs of the animals in their care.

Yours truly,

Sabrina Qureshi,  
408 Rosewood Close,  
Parksville, BC V9P 0A2

**From:** [Kait Roach](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#); [Office of the Mayor](#); [Office of Council](#); [Lloyd Brierley](#)  
**Subject:** [External] I SUPPORT LCCR (LAST CHANCE CAT RANCH)  
**Date:** Friday, March 25, 2022 3:04:26 AM

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I support this animal rescue Lccr ( Last chance cat ranch) located in Lethbridge, Alberta. Im from sherwood park, alberta. Thousands of animals starve and die horrible deaths every year and it breaks my heart the restrictions that have been put on Lccr. These animals deserve a second chance and people like the last chance cat ranch care for the well being of these animals and find good homes, they have support all over the world! I am disgusted to hear that restrictions have been put against this rescue and thats just plain animal abuse on your part. Someone needs to care for these animals what you just going to let them suffer and die horrible deaths? There lives matter too! These animals need Lccr not many people care and just dump there animals outside like they dont matter and these babies do matter. Lift the restrictions this is plain animal abuse someone needs to love these fur babies! Animals cant speak up for themselves so we are there voice and I will tell all my friends to send in letters of support but this is just plain wrong what your doing. You wouldnt want to starve to death so why are you putting restrictions on animals that need to be fed and cared for. LCCR has support in so many places why are you doing this to these animals that need our help. You wouldnt close down an orphanage or a care home so why would you shut down a cat rescue its the same thing. Pets are living and need food and water to survive just like a human. Please reconsider and get this rescues restrictions all lifted!

Sincerely an angry fur mom  
Kaitlyn Roach

**From:** [Sofia Rubin](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] I stand with the Last Chance Cat Ranch  
**Date:** Friday, March 4, 2022 7:18:42 PM

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Dearest David,

It has come to my attention that the Last Chance Cat Ranch has been accused of breaking several regulations and have suffered sanctions from the city of Lethbridge.

The amazing volunteers at the Last Chance Cat Ranch are doing God's work by providing food, shelter, care e love to cats in need. If it weren't for them, numerous starving, wounded and sick cats would be roaming the streets of Lethbridge. Instead, the volunteers at the Last Chance Cat Ranch help the cats to recover phisically and mentally from the difficulties they've encountered and serves as a pathway to loving family's hearts and homes.

The amazing work done at the cat ranch is well known across the world. I for one am a brazillian born and raised who follows along the Last Chance Cat Ranch's beautiful work from over ten thousand killometers away.

The sanctions they suffered are absolutely unacceptable!!!How are only 2 volunteers supposed to care for all the cats they have at the shelter?Why is they're food is only allowed to be delivered once a week? This sanctions are already affecting inocent lives at the shelter and need to be reversed immediately. The city of Lethbridge is directly responsible for watever consequences stem from this absurd sanctions.

I hereby declare my unwavering support to the Last Chance Cat Ranch, the volunteers and the cats.

Hoping you soon come to your senses,

Sofia Rubin Barbosa.

**From:** [Wendy Sierra](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Last Chance Cat Ranch  
**Date:** Saturday, March 5, 2022 4:31:25 PM

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Hello,

I am a resident of the state of California and a fan of the Last Chance Cat Ranch. I am shocked that someone would want to put these wonderful people out on the street with all the beautiful cats they care for.

The stop order that was recently issued is completely ludicrous. Two volunteers per day would not be able to adequately care for the cats. This order is putting the cats in care in a neglectful situation. This order needs to be rescinded.

The additional order of food delivery every 7 days is also arbitrary and creates yet another layer of hardship as this organization strives to maintain the rescue. This order also needs to be rescinded.

The Last Chance Cat Ranch has operated out of that same location for 18 years. They have done so much good work for your city by caring for these animals.

We need more compassion in this world and you have the ability to do some good in these dark times.

Sincerely,  
Wendy Sierra  
236 Rochdale Street  
Roseville, CA 95661

**From:** [Jennifer Smith](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Appeal for LCCR  
**Date:** Sunday, March 27, 2022 8:25:46 PM

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> Good day Mr. Sarsfield,  
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> I am writing on behalf of the Last Chance Cat Ranch. I no longer live in the City of Lethbridge but I grew up here and I also recently adopted a cat from the LCCR. She has been the most wonderful little addition to our family and we have been long time supporters of the LCCR. I understand they intend to move to appease the one and only neighbour who has complained. I also understand he is the ONE AND ONLY NEIGHBOUR as the LCCR have canvassed the neighbourhood and most didn't even know what was being operated out of this house. To kick them out because of one complaint is absurd however they are in the process of complying. However, 2 volunteers a day and one food delivery a week is tantamount to animal abuse, and I would like to know what the City's plan is for the animals when they are forced to shut down. I would also like to know your plan for future animals that would have otherwise been rescued by the LCCR. Will the city increase their funding (or begin providing funding in the first place) to other shelters to take these on? Will it force spay and neuter? Will it accept these animals in to its own facilities? You may email me the City's plan. I would like to fully understand what you plan to do when the city is successful in terminating this charity, and literally no one else will step up.  
>  
> I look forward to hearing your plan of action.  
>  
> Thank you  
>  
> Jennifer Smith  
> Former resident  
> 30 Autumn Gdns SE  
> Calgary AB  
> T3M0H7  
> 403-801-8255  
>  
> Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [NATALIE SMITH](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Last Chance Cat Rescue Order  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 8, 2022 3:29:44 AM

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** NATALIE SMITH <lyle-natalie@shaw.ca>  
**Date:** March 8, 2022 at 2:20:32 AM PST  
**To:** david.sarsfield@lethbridge.cs  
**Subject:** Last Chance Cat Rescue Order

I felt sick to my stomach when I read that the City of Lethbridge issued a Stop Order for the Last Chance Cat Ranch, a cat rescue that has operated for many years for the betterment of your City.

The additional order of only 2 volunteers per day is arbitrary and grossly inadequate. This order is putting the cats in care in a neglectful situation as is the house itself. Two people cannot possibly manage what needs to be done. This order needs to be rescinded.

The additional order of food delivery every 7 days is also arbitrary and creates yet another layer of hardship as this organization strives to maintain the rescue. This order needs to be rescinded.

The Last Chance Cat Ranch has done so much good work for the City of Lethbridge and the homeless and neglected cats in the city and surrounding areas.

Perhaps you could come to an agreement that will actually help them, and not punish them. You will see below that I am from out of Province, but if this is what Lethbridge stands for, I will not be travelling to your city.

Natalie Smith  
3721 Epsom Drive  
Victoria BC  
V8P3S8

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Sam](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Support for Last Chance Cat Ranch  
**Date:** Monday, March 7, 2022 12:10:51 PM

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To whom it may concern,

You are receiving this on behalf of the Last Chance Cat Ranch, specifically the unreasonable and unfair Stop Order that was issued.

The additional order of only 2 volunteers per day is arbitrary and grossly inadequate. This order is putting the cats in care in a neglectful situation as is the house itself. Two people cannot possibly manage what needs to be done. This order needs to be rescinded. If it is not, it will be clear the City of Lethbridge supports animal cruelty.

The additional order of food delivery every 7 days is also arbitrary and creates yet another layer of hardship as this organization strives to maintain the rescue. This order needs to be rescinded. Again, if it is not, it will be clear the City of Lethbridge supports animal cruelty.

The Last Chance Cat Ranch has operated out of that same location for nearly two decades. As a supporter it is difficult to comprehend why suddenly they are targeted and forced to vacate even if they are in violation of a bylaw. This should have been dealt with many, many years ago. It shows from the city. LCCR has done so much good work for the City of Lethbridge and the homeless and neglected cats in the city and surrounding areas. The city, surely could find a way to help them.

~Sam

1693 Beach Grove.  
V411P4 Delta, BC.

**From:** [Melissa Swinamer](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#); [Office of the Mayor](#); [Office of Council](#); [Lloyd Brierley](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Last Chance Cat Ranch  
**Date:** Friday, March 4, 2022 5:40:34 PM

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What in the actual f? Are you people mentally unwell? You already know cities and towns are over run with unwanted and abused animals and yet you want to stop one the few rescues your town has from operating? Who will take care of these animals now? Will you open your doors? I doubt that, you do the bare minimum for your human community as it is. These animals don't have a voice and need us to be one for them. And what your city is doing is basically animal abuse, starving them and denying proper animal care. Be better.

Vancouver, Canada supports this mission even if Albertan's don't. Do something right for once.

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Jacqueline Talbot](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#); [lloyd.brierly@lethbridge.ca](mailto:lloyd.brierly@lethbridge.ca); [Office of the Mayor](#); [Office of Council](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Last Chance Cat Rescue Stop Order  
**Date:** Friday, March 4, 2022 10:38:29 PM

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Hi. My name is Jacqueline Talbot.

I am writing you on behalf of the Last Chance Cat Ranch, specifically the Stop Order that was issued.

The additional order of only 2 volunteers per day is arbitrary and grossly inadequate.

- This order is putting the cats in care in a neglectful situation as is the house itself.
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- This order needs to be rescinded.

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The Last Chance Cat Ranch has operated out of that same location for 18 years.

- As a supporter, it is difficult to comprehend why suddenly they are targeted and forced to vacate even if they are in violation of a bylaw.

- This should have been dealt with many, many years ago.

They have done so much good work for the City of Lethbridge and the homeless and neglected cats in the city and surrounding areas.

The city, surely, could find a way to help them.

Sincerely,

-Jacqueline Talbot

**From:** [TORI TAYLOR](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Stop Order issued to the Last Chance Cat Ranch  
**Date:** Friday, March 4, 2022 11:19:01 PM

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To: David Sarsfield

Re: Stop Order/Last Chance Cat Ranch

Dear Sir,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Last Chance Cat Ranch regarding a Stop Order issued to this long standing rescue by the city of Lethbridge. The order that only two volunteers per day may attend the cats in their care is arbitrary and grossly inadequate. The order puts cats in the care of LCCR in a neglectful situation as it does the house itself. Two people per day cannot adequately meet all the needs of the cats or properly maintain the premises. LCCR takes in many cats that have medical needs, some requiring medication and feedings multiple times per day. Not only do many of the cats at LCCR require frequent monitoring of their physical condition, ALL deserve a certain standard of emotional care, as well. Two volunteers per day deprives these cats of the love and attention they deserve and depend on. Indeed, the order allowing only TWO volunteers per day jeopardizes the health, well-being, and safety of the cats and ensures volunteer stress and eventual burnout. As an animal lover and someone who supports and believes in the mission of LCCR, I feel this order can only cause harm. Please consider rescinding the order IMMEDIATELY.

In addition to the order allowing for only two volunteers per day, the order allowing food delivery only every seven days is also arbitrary and creates yet another layer of hardship for this organization striving to maintain an appropriate standard of care for their cats. This order also needs to be rescinded IMMEDIATELY.

In closing, the Last Chance Cat Ranch has operated out of the same location for eighteen years. As a supporter, I find it difficult to comprehend why they are suddenly being targeted and forced to vacate...even if they are in violation of a bylaw. They have done so much good work for the City of Lethbridge and the homeless and neglected cats in the city and surrounding areas. Surely, the city can find a way to help and support them instead of tearing them down and making it difficult to continue offering abandoned, unwanted, neglected, and homeless cats the second chance they deserve. Thankyou for your time and prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Tori Taylor

1106, 135 Lynnview Road S.E.

Cgy, AB

Email: [toritylr@shaw.ca](mailto:toritylr@shaw.ca)

**From:** [Lisa Thomson](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Last Chance Cat Ranch  
**Date:** Monday, March 7, 2022 11:22:16 PM

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To whom it may concern.

"I Lisa Thomson, am writing you on behalf of the Last Chance Cat Ranch, specifically the Stop Order that was issued.

The additional order of only 2 volunteers per day is arbitrary and grossly inadequate. This order is putting the cats in care in a neglectful situation as is the house itself. Two people cannot possibly manage what needs to be done. This order needs to be rescinded! Why is an order like this even required?

The additional order of food delivery every 7 days is also arbitrary and creates yet another layer of hardship as this organization strives to maintain the rescue. This order needs to be rescinded immediately! These cats deserve better!

The Last Chance Cat Ranch has operated out of that same location for going on 18 years. As a supporter it is difficult to comprehend why suddenly they are targeted and forced to vacate even if they are in violation of a bylaw. This should have been dealt with many, many years ago. They have done so much good work for the City of Lethbridge and the homeless and neglected cats in the city and surrounding areas. The city, surely could find a way to help them."

Sincerely

Lisa Thomson  
Of  
16 Campbell Dr, Stony Plain, AB, T7Z1H8

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**From:** [Zeynep Uslu](#)  
**To:** [Office of Council](#); [David Sarsfield](#); [Lloyd Brierley](#); [Office of the Mayor](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Re: Last Chance Cat Ranch  
**Date:** Sunday, March 6, 2022 3:30:38 AM

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Hello,

I forgot to include my name and address.

I am Zeynep Uslu. I currently live in Afyonkarahisar, Turkey.

My exact address is; Ordu Bulvari, Dumlupinar Mahallesi, Menderes Cad., No:2, Bozcalar Apartmani, Daire: 14, Afyonkarahisar/Merkez, Turkey

Please forward my email to appeal committee for LCCR.

Thank you.

On 5 Mar 2022 Sat at 08:12 Zeynep Uslu <[zuslu1@binghamton.edu](mailto:zuslu1@binghamton.edu)> wrote:

Hello,

I am writing this email in regards of the issues with Last Chance Cat Ranch.

I have been following them online for a while and witnessed their accomplishments and hard work. They have done so much for the City of Lethbridge and the homeless, neglected cats in the area for 18 years.

Limiting their volunteers to two people a day is very arbitrary and inadequate given the number of rescues they are taking care of. The order puts the animals in a neglectful situation.

Another issue is restricting their food delivery period. The order of food delivery every seven days creates another layer of hardship.

As a supporter, it's difficult to comprehend the reason behind these orders and order of vacation so suddenly. It came to my attention that LCCR is in violation of a bylaw but this should have been dealt with years ago when the organization was first established.

I know they are given time to relocate and they are working on that but the first two orders need to be rescinded so that they can function and keep taking care of the rescues properly.

Sincerely  
Zeynep Uslu

**From:** [Joe](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] LCCR appeal  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 8, 2022 7:05:16 PM

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To whom it may concern:

As an animal lover and advocate and 6 time adopter, I am writing you on behalf of the Last Chance Cat Ranch, specifically the Stop Order that was issued.

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Please reconsider.

Sincerely,

Joe Valgardson

Valgardson Developments Inc.  
1820 - 11 street  
Coaldale AB T1M 1C3  
Ph: (403) 635-0155

**From:** [Jamie Valgardson](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] LCCR appeal  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 8, 2022 7:05:54 PM

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As an animal lover and advocate, 6 time adopter, and former volunteer at another local rescue, I am writing you on behalf of the Last Chance Cat Ranch, specifically the Stop Order that was issued.

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Please reconsider.

Sincerely,

Jamie Valgardson  
1820 11 street  
Coaldale AB T1M1C3

**From:** [Vera van Diepen](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Stop the Stop Order. Please. For the cats and the volunteers who care for these animals.  
**Date:** Saturday, March 12, 2022 5:20:43 PM

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I am writing you on behalf of the Last Chance Cat Ranch, specifically the Stop Order that was issued.

I have been involved in animal rescue since 1990. This was well before rescue was known. I've seen the worst and best of humanity. The worst harms animals. The best dedicate their lives to helping animals.

These animal advocates know what is needed to care for them.

Please, let them do their jobs - these jobs that are generally unpaid labours of love.

They know best.

Let them do what they know best.

I was involved with rescuing animals and speaking on their behalf in Alberta from 1996 until 2007.

I hoped that after I left the province more would be done to care for them.

Please don't prove me wrong.

Vera van Diepen

147 Briscoe Street East, London, ON N6C 1X4

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**From:** [John VanSpronsen](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Last Chance Cat Ranch  
**Date:** Friday, March 4, 2022 9:21:08 PM

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Hello!

I sure hope you weren't just rolling your eyes reading the subject line! My name is John VanSpronsen, and I am the President of Kittens In The Mitten, Inc in Hamilton, Michigan, U.S. Obviously, I also support Last Chance Cat Ranch for many reasons, however only one of those I will be speaking on here.

Last Chance Cat Ranch inspired us to grow on social media, and with their AMAZING approach at social media, I have learned and we have grown significantly! Here's how much.

Our organization has spent nearly \$20k locally in the last week and a half. That may not seem like much to you, but we are very small and my following is only 15k.

Last Chance Cat Ranch is at 42.9k and growing. Imagine what they are spending locally in the community, all while helping a problem that is EVERYONE'S problem; feral cats!

You don't have to like cats or understand the scope of what they are doing to do the right thing. Sometimes all it takes is a conversation, and I truly hope you consider having that conversation.

Thank you for your time!!

-John VanSpronsen  
President of Kittens In The Mitten Inc  
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[kittensinthemitten.org](http://kittensinthemitten.org)

**From:** [Shannon Welsford](#)  
**To:** [Lloyd Brierley](#); [David Sarsfield](#); [Office of the Mayor](#); [Office of Council](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Concern re Last Chance Cat rescue and the limitations imposed by the city  
**Date:** Friday, March 4, 2022 11:22:43 PM

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Good day

I am very concerned re the recent stop order that was issued against Last Chance Cat Ranch and the limitations imposed by the city.

This cat sanctuary has been operating in this area for 18 years and there has never been any issues and to now make them leave and then also to impose limitations to how the cats can be cared for is deeply concerning and outright cruel.

I can't believe that a city council would do this to a cat rescue who has done so much good in the area and rescues and looks after unwanted cats - surely as a city you would be so proud and support them.

Additionally the other orders of only 2 volunteers per day is arbitrary and grossly inadequate.

- This order is putting the cats in care in a neglectful situation as is the house itself.
- Two people cannot possibly manage what needs to be done.
- This order needs to be rescinded.

The additional order of food delivery every 7 days is also arbitrary and creates yet another layer of hardship as this organization strives to maintain the rescue.

- This order needs to be rescinded.

What harm is this cat rescue doing - none. The cats are well cared for and the house is also well cared for. They are transparent about their care and the cats. For the city to now target them is shocking and concerning.

Remember "The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way it's animals are treated"

I'm from South Africa a 3rd world country where we have so many issues and our animals rescues battle so much and it really saddens me to see a first world city and country behave like this when surely there are better ways.

The city, surely, could find a way to help them.

Regards  
Shannon Welsford

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Krista Wilkie](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#); [Lloyd Brierley](#); [Office of the Mayor](#); [Office of Council](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Last Chance Cat Ranch  
**Date:** Saturday, March 5, 2022 12:35:30 AM

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Hello,

My name is Krista Wilkie and I live in Calgary. When I was looking to adopt, I researched the type of rescue that gave cats a second chance. I wanted to adopt the unadoptable. I came across some articles that said how little the government of Lethbridge does to support animal rescue and how the Last Chance Cat Ranch filled the role where government had failed.

I have had the privilege of adopting two cats from the rescue. My first cat is named Sam and he was found after living on the streets for almost a year. He was kicked in the face and suffered a broken jaw. It was so infected when they found him, his bones were infected. It took him two years to heal physically and emotionally. The only reason he is alive today is because of Last Chance Cat Ranch.

It breaks my heart to see the cruel actions your taking. I understand wanting the rescue to relocate, but putting in conditions such as restricting food delivery to only certain days of the week and allowing only 2 people to attend a day. These rules are arbitrary and only harms the cats. You have a duty to provide care to your citizens. You were elected to provide care for your citizens. Do the right thing and work with the rescue to help ensure the cats get the care they deserve.

The rescue is full of people trying to make this world a better place by helping others. They are trying to better your community. Your government does nothing to assist with getting the population of cats under control and now you want to punish your citizens who are trying to assist their community and do the job that you failed to do?

You should be ashamed of yourself. I hope you do the right thing and show your community the support it deserves.

Krista Wilkie

From: [Carla Woelcke](#)  
To: [David Sarsfield](#)  
Subject: [External] Last Chance Cat Ranch  
Date: Saturday, March 12, 2022 1:30:53 PM

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Carla Woelcke  
Box 134  
Coaldale, AB  
T1M 1M2  
March 12, 2022

Dear Mr. Sarsfield:

I am writing you on behalf of the Last Chance Cat Ranch, specifically the Stop Order that was issued. The Last Chance Cat Ranch has been serving the Lethbridge community and beyond for nearly 18 years. Much time and effort has been put into it from the many volunteers that dedicate their lives to this. It is my understanding that the City of Lethbridge does not contribute, despite benefiting greatly from this organization. They get strays off the streets, care for them and find homes for them. They neuter the cats so that not even more cats are added to the streets of Lethbridge.

The order of only 2 volunteers per day is arbitrary and grossly inadequate. Why would the City do this? This order is putting the cats in care in a neglectful situation as is the house itself. Two people cannot possibly manage what needs to be done. This order needs to be rescinded.

The order of food delivery every 7 days is also arbitrary and creates yet another layer of hardship as this organization strives to maintain the rescue. This order needs to be rescinded.

As a supporter it is difficult to comprehend why suddenly they are targeted and forced to vacate even if they are in violation of a bylaw. This should have been dealt with many, many years ago. The Last Chance Cat Ranch have done so much good work for the City of Lethbridge and the homeless and neglected cats in the city and surrounding areas. The City should be paying them for the services rendered all those years instead of changing the land use. Failing that, they should give 2 years, not one, to plan the next move, do fundraising and try to relocate. There should be no restrictive orders hampering the effectiveness of LCCR.

Sincerely,  
Carla Woelcke  
Coaldale, AB  
T1M 1M2

**From:** [Melodey Wood](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Last Chance Cat Ranch  
**Date:** Saturday, March 5, 2022 9:17:31 PM

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Hello,

My name is Melodey Wood and I live in Cardston, but Cardston does not have an animal rescue facility. We have called on LCCR many times for help and they have been willing to help. Please show some leniency, these are caring and compassionate people just trying to do the best they can.

I am writing you on behalf of the Last Chance Cat Ranch, specifically the Stop Order that was issued.

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Thank you,  
Melodey Wood

**From:** [Kelly munro](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Last chance Cat Ranch appeal  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 9, 2022 7:07:05 PM

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The city and surrounding areas needs this agency, the city should be supporting so much more than they do.

With kindness,

Kelly Woods  
931 20a ave  
Coaldale, AB  
t1m 1b3

**From:** [Tim Woods](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Last Chance Cat ranch concern  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 9, 2022 7:53:05 PM

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This is incredibly disappointing response from the city who seem to have issues with funding and supporting animal welfare causes in general.

Sincerely,

Tim Woods  
931 20a ave  
Coaldale, AB  
T1m 1b3

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

**From:** [Shar Yates](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#); [Office of the Mayor](#); [Office of Council](#); [Lloyd Brierley](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Last Chance Cat Ranch  
**Date:** Saturday, March 5, 2022 10:01:29 PM

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Hello, my name is Shar Yates, my husband and I are volunteer foster parents and board members of Kitten Rescue of Mason County. What is happening to Last Chance Cat Ranch is an abomination and is considered bullying on a political scale. Unfortunately your actions are also affecting the lives of those without a voice (so to speak).

I ask you to take a step back and really take a look at what your actions and regulations are doing to animals that never did anything to anyone, but I will guarantee a LOT of humans have hurt a lot of them, and if your mandates on this nonprofit continue, you are then no different than their abusers.

If they are in ACTUAL violation of an ACTUAL law, that's one thing, but they're not. This is straight up bullying. Here in the United States, due to the nature that animals are being forced in a place of neglect, an order to Cease and Desist would be placed and the Federal Bureau of Investigation would be called in. This is THAT serious.

Before it grows to that level which would leave you involved incredibly embarrassed, probably seeking new careers, lift the ridiculous mandates you have placed on the Last Chance Cat Ranch and leave them alone to do the good they have been doing for years.

By the way, if you insist following through with this ridiculousness not only can they then file discrimination charges but if by chance you get what you THINK you want and they leave, you will have a whirlwind of problems which will domino out from their absence.

The old phrase "you never know how great it was until it's gone".... think about that. Do you REALLY want to look back in regret that this wasn't stopped? I wouldn't.

Sincerely,  
Shar Yates

**From:** [R Adams](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#); [Office of the Mayor](#); [Office of Council](#); [Lloyd Brierley](#)  
**Subject:** [External] In regards to LCCR  
**Date:** Friday, March 4, 2022 5:28:22 PM

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Hello my name is Rimah Adams and I have been following LCCR's journey for the better half of a year now. I have had the opportunity to donate to their organization and watch them help hundreds of cats. I am writing to you regarding the new limitations that have been imposed on LCCR.

Anyone capable of even a minugia of logical thought can understand that the limitations being imposed on this organization are catastrophic, and will no doubt lead to the neglect and bodily harm of dozens of animals. By imposing such limits you are actively advocating for animal abuse.

Although you've made it clear that you have no regard for these living beings, I would strongly recommend that you reconsider lifting these limitations as LCCR seeks a new facility. The world is watching. Stop being a continual disappointment to us all.

Have the day you deserve.

**From:** [Kari Burgess](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Last Chance Cat Ranch  
**Date:** Thursday, March 10, 2022 11:31:42 AM

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*Good morning,*

I am writing in support of the Last Chance Cat Ranch. Steps that have been taken against them are unfortunate and not understandable given that previous inspections approved and allowed them to continue their operations. They have already been in operation for 16 years.

The following statement was provided by the city.

*“The Last Chance Cat Ranch has been issued a phased in stop order for being in violation with the City’s Land Use Bylaw. The specifics of the order have been provided to the organization and they have been given time to make this transition to ensure the animals can be cared for.*

*When the City issues a stop order, there is an operational process that is followed by City staff. To be fair to all parties, there is also a clearly defined appeal process through the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board (SDAB). At this time, the Last Chance Cat Ranch has filed an appeal to the SDAB and that process will be followed, as per legislation. The date of that appeal is being set at this time, working with the Last Chance Cat Ranch to determine an appropriate time.*

*The work of the Last Chance Cat Ranch has been a valued service in our community and we thank the dedicated volunteers that have helped the organization over the years.”*

This last statement is not actually true, if it was a valued service by the City, these steps would not be taken. I ask that you reconsider and work with this organization for a solution that does not jeopardize the well being of the animals. I can grant that things need to change, but the restrictions and timelines are overly draconian and will impact the organization and volunteers and most importantly, the animals. They are taking on work that otherwise would fall on the city. There needs to be a willingness of the city to work with this organization if it's actually valued. They are taking steps to change their

circumstances, however the timelines and current restrictions are untenable.

I ask that you consider their appeal.

Thank you,

Kari Burgess

**From:** [Iris Chan](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#); [Office of the Mayor](#); [Office of Council](#); [Lloyd Brierley](#)  
**Cc:** [thelccr@gmail.com](mailto:thelccr@gmail.com)  
**Subject:** [External] Last Chance Cat Ranch  
**Date:** Friday, March 4, 2022 8:00:47 PM

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To the Lethbridge City Councillors and Mayer,

Last spring I watched and read about your constituent trying to tarnish the name of Last Chance Cat Ranch. It was egregious the claims he made.

I've learned that the claims have been brought back and now the ranch is being asked to restrict their activities and move out via a Stop Order. You'll be actually creating a situation of animal abuse.

The additional order of only 2 volunteers per day is arbitrary and grossly inadequate. This order is putting the cats in care in a neglectful situation as is the house itself. Two people cannot possibly manage what needs to be done. This order needs to be rescinded.

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They have done so much good work for the City of Lethbridge and the homeless and neglected cats in the city and surrounding areas.

The city, surely, could dig into their humanity and find a way to help them.

Regards  
Iris Chan

**From:** [Elizabeth](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Unacceptable re LCCR  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 8, 2022 2:51:01 PM

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Mr. Sarsfield,

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If you go through with this not only will wild cat populations grow exponentially, many animals will die and thats on you.

Please reconsider  
Elizabeth Charles

**From:** [Chantal Chubaty](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#); [Office of the Mayor](#); [Office of Council](#); [Lloyd Brierley](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Last chance cat ranch  
**Date:** Friday, March 4, 2022 8:37:43 PM

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Hello,

I am emailing to implore the city to work with the last chance cat ranch and give them more realistic restrictions to work with it to ensure proper care of the cats is done while they work on a relocation plan. They do excellent work and have a very impressive program. Please show some compassion for these animals and the staff who care for them.

Thanks,  
Chantal Chubaty

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Melora Danforth](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Last Chance Cat Ranch  
**Date:** Saturday, March 12, 2022 5:19:01 AM

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Hello David,

It has been brought to my attention the order applied to The Last Chance Cat Ranch. This order appears too restrictive to service the animals properly.

What is necessary to provide care to several animals needing temporary necessary assistance is not being considered.

Less than perfect conditions for a desperate animal is better than no help at all.

Setting orders in place to benefit the rules at the welfare expense of the animals is clearly showing the rules are more important than animals.

Restricting the number of people allowed to volunteer and limiting the opportunities to get supplies is again showing the focus is not on the animals.

Please reconsider the restrictive rules of this order as it is preventing the very purpose of the last Chance Cat Ranch – the animals.

Sincerely,  
Melora Danforth

**From:** [Taylor Elliott](#)  
**To:** [Office of Council](#); [David Sarsfield](#); [Lloyd Brierley](#); [Office of the Mayor](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Last Chance Cat Ranch  
**Date:** Friday, March 4, 2022 7:16:44 PM

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Greetings!

I hope my email finds you well. I'm writing because I have learned that Last Chance Cat Ranch has been issued a number of restrictions, as well as an order to vacate the premises. I recognize that I am only hearing one side of the story and understand, as the wife of a public servant, that you are beholden to local laws and regulations. However: it is apparent that these restrictions and stop orders will make it impossible for the rescue to continue to operate, leaving the cats LCCR cares for at risk. I urge you to revisit this situation and work with the Last Chance Cat Ranch to find mutually agreeable terms to ensure that they are making meaningful progress towards expectations while still providing adequate care for their animals. Please know that LCCR has a large online following and has done incalculable good not only in Lethbridge by getting cats into safe and loving homes, but in educating an international audience on how to help vulnerable cats and kittens.

Thank you for your time and consideration on this matter.

Warm regards,  
Taylor Elliott

**From:** [Barb Erler](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Last Cat Ranch Rescue  
**Date:** Thursday, March 10, 2022 9:01:46 AM

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Good morning,

I am appalled at the City giving the Last Cat Ranch Rescue a stop order. This rescue has repeatedly faced City scrutiny and this appears to be spearheaded by a malicious neighbour who was well aware of the LCRR when they bought their property.

Is the City stepping in to relocate the rescue? Why has relocation not been discussed before the order was given? Why is the City putting undue pressure on a rescue organization that is struggling to help reduce the feral and unwanted cat crisis in Lethbridge? Where is the solution by the City? Are you seriously going to impede and/or shut down a cat rescue?

Council should be providing a relocation solution or tell the neighbour their complaints will no longer be heard by Council.

This stop order by the City is very disappointing. Council members need to look at better solutions and help support the rescue instead of tearing it apart.

**From:** [Nikki Eva](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Last chance cat ranch  
**Date:** Friday, March 4, 2022 9:25:21 PM

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I am writing you on behalf of the Last Chance Cat Ranch, specifically the Stop Order that was issued.

I know people who volunteer with this organization and I know first hand how much they care, and the good work that they do. The Order is going to hamper this work.

The order of only 2 volunteers per day is arbitrary and grossly inadequate. It puts the cats in care in a neglectful situation, as well as the house itself. Two people cannot possibly manage what needs to be done.

The order of food delivery every 7 days is also arbitrary and creates yet another layer of hardship as this organization strives to maintain the rescue.

Both of these additional orders need to be rescinded.

The Last Chance Cat Ranch has operated out of this location for 18 years. As a supporter, it is difficult to comprehend why suddenly they are targeted and forced to vacate even if they are in violation of a bylaw. This should have been dealt with many, many years ago.

They have done so much good work for the City of Lethbridge and the homeless and neglected cats in the city and surrounding areas. The city, surely, could find a way to help them rather than unfairly targeting them.

Please reconsider.  
sincerely,  
Nicole Eva

Sent from my iPhone. Please excuse any spelling mistakes, grammatical issues, or unfortunate incidents with autocorrect.

**From:** [Fayefraser](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Last Chance Cat Ranch  
**Date:** Saturday, March 5, 2022 3:15:15 AM

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Dear Mr Sarsfield,

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The additional order of only 2 volunteers per day is arbitrary and grossly inadequate.

- This order is putting the cats in care in a neglectful situation as is the house itself.
- Two people cannot possibly manage what needs to be done.
- This order needs to be rescinded.

The additional order of food delivery every 7 days is also arbitrary and creates yet another layer of hardship as this organization strives to maintain the rescue.

- This order needs to be rescinded.

The Last Chance Cat Ranch has operated out of that same location for 18 years.

- As a supporter it is difficult to comprehend why suddenly they are targeted and forced to vacate even if they are in violation of a bylaw.
- This should have been dealt with many, many years ago.

They have done so much good work for the City of Lethbridge and the homeless and neglected cats in the city and surrounding areas.

The city, surely, could find a way to help them, please they do amazing work in the field of animal rescue and I urge you to please reconsider. I live in the uk and fundraise for cat rescues here so I have first hand experience, everyday innocent animals are abandoned, abused and given up. By the Last Chance Cat Ranch not able to operate freely they are simply not able to combat those issues that plague every city no matter where in the world you are. I implore you to reconsider , thank you for taking the time to read this email.

Kind Regards,  
Faye Fraser

**From:** [Jovaria Ghani](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#); [Lloyd Brierley](#); [Office of the Mayor](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Hi there  
**Date:** Friday, March 4, 2022 10:26:42 PM

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Hi,

I am emailing regarding the unethical restrictions you've put on Last Chance Cat Ranch. They are a cat rescue organization that are caring for animals.

Please do not make it harder for them to serve and care for the animals that they have rescued. It would be animal cruelty to restrict access to the house to only 2 people per day, as they would not be able to adequately care for the cats.

I hope you reconsider and show some support to these good samaritans and the innocent cats they are caring for.

Thanks,  
Jovaria Ghani

**From:** [Janet Glartti](#)  
**To:** [Office of Council](#); [David Sarsfield](#); [Lloyd Brierley](#); [Office of the Mayor](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Inappropriate Stop Order Issued to Last Chance Cat Ranch  
**Date:** Saturday, March 5, 2022 2:43:30 AM

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Hello,

As someone apart of the large group of those who benefit from the Last Chance Cat Ranch, I'm appalled what has been ordered and issued to the ranch; especially the Stop Order.

The additional order of only 2 volunteers per day is arbitrary and grossly inadequate. This order is putting the cats in care in a neglectful situation as is the house itself. Merely two people cannot possibly manage what needs to be done. This order needs to be rescinded.

The additional order of food delivery every 7 days is also arbitrary and creates yet another layer of hardship as this organization strives to maintain the rescue. This order needs to be rescinded.

What's been issued upon Last Chance Cat Ranch reflects lack of knowledge about cats, animal care and what it takes to run a shelter environment. Those who operate the ranch understand all those necessary skills, express them and have vast knowledge in those fields; so why ,even if they are in violation of bylaw, are they being forced to vacate? There isn't much justification for this targeting.

The city of Lethbridge needs to help them continue their care and even elevate the Last Chance Cat Ranch to the higher levels they're bound to reach if given the needed extra hand; this can start by not making them vacate the building they've operated out of for 18 years.

Sincerely,  
Janet Glartti

**From:** [Robin Golata](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Last Chance Cat Ranch  
**Date:** Friday, March 4, 2022 8:33:51 PM

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I'm writing you from Texas to let you know how disappointed I am in the decision you've made about the Last Chance Cat Ranch. They do so much good for not only your city, your country but all across the world!

Please revisit these wrong decisions.

Sincerely,  
Robin Golata

**From:** [Maureen Hawkins](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Last Chance Cat Ranch  
**Date:** Thursday, March 10, 2022 5:15:21 PM

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Dear Mr. Sarsfield,

I am deeply disturbed by reading of the recent Stop Order issued to the Last Chance Cat Ranch, the internationally famous beacon of humane animal treatment in Lethbridge. Even if they must move within a year, the onerous conditions of the Stop Order which not only endanger the cats but impose great suffering and painful deaths on the most vulnerable of them must be lifted.

Limiting volunteers to 2 per day means that the more vulnerable cats who have multiple medical needs will die in terrible pain without enough volunteers to see to their needs.

Limiting food deliveries to once every seven days means that donors cannot bring the food donations to the shelter that help keep the cats fed and may result in cats with special food needs also dying in pain.

This cruelty is an unconscionable blemish on the reputation of Lethbridge: bad enough to evict these poor animals without torturing them to death. I am so revolted by this vile cruelty that I certainly will do all I can to publicize it widely. If Lethbridge is determined to force the violation of humane animal welfare laws on these poor cats, its infamy should be widely known.

The Last Chance Cat Ranch has operated out of the same location for 18 years with the permission of the city despite its location being in violation of a bylaw. Its operation has been investigated and approved by the city several times in the past. The citizens of Lethbridge have supported it for years, with many businesses hosting donation boxes for it.

As a supporter, I find it difficult to comprehend why suddenly they are targeted and forced to vacate even if they are in violation of a bylaw. This should have been dealt with many, many years ago. They have done so much good work for the City of Lethbridge and the homeless and neglected cats in the city and surrounding areas. The city surely could and **should** find a way to help them.

In disgust,

Maureen Hawkins  
320 7th Avenue South  
Lethbridge, Alberta  
T1J 1H7  
(403) 328-7961

**From:** [Deb Ikeda](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Support for the Last Chance Cat Ranch  
**Date:** Monday, March 7, 2022 10:14:58 AM

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In support of the Last Chance Cat Ranch, I was shocked and outraged to learn about the Stop Order that was issued. As an organization that rescues and tends to the needs of unwanted cats that otherwise would be wandering the streets of Lethbridge, I would think that the City would appreciate the Last Chance Cat Ranch and the work it has done, voluntarily.

More than 2 volunteers per day is required to meet the needs of the animals in their care. This order is putting the cats in care in a neglectful situation as is the house itself. Two people cannot possibly manage what needs to be done. This order needs to be rescinded. Why was such an impossible order put into place?

The additional order of food delivery every 7 days is also arbitrary and creates yet another layer of hardship as this organization strives to maintain the rescue. This order needs to be rescinded.

How is it that drug houses can exist in Lethbridge requiring months of police involvement of the hundreds of complaints of illegal activities to finally get some action whereas a place such as for the Last Chance Cat Ranch can elicit such a response from the city from one complainant.

The Last Chance Cat Ranch has operated out of that same location for 18 years. As a supporter it is difficult to comprehend why suddenly they are targeted and forced to vacate even if they are in violation of a bylaw. This should have been dealt with many, many years ago. They have done so much good work for the City of Lethbridge and the homeless and neglected cats in the city and surrounding areas. The city, surely could find a way to help them.

As lives are at stake, please rescind the Stop Order, now.

Sincerely,

Deb Ikeda

**From:** [Lucienne Kaplan](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#); [Office of the Mayor](#); [Office of Council](#); [Lloyd Brierley](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Last Chance Cat Ranch  
**Date:** Friday, March 4, 2022 5:35:46 PM

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To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing to show my support of Last Chance Cat Ranch. I urge you to lift the restrictions recently put on this rescue. The restrictions in place will make it nearly impossible for the volunteers to do their job taking care of these cats. LCCR simply wants to care for these innocent animals that need a home. Not allowing them to function properly is putting these cats lives at risk. I urge you to show compassion and help this rescue do the work it needs to do.

Thank you for your time,  
Lucienne Kaplan

**From:** [khushboo.srivastava](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#); [Office of the Mayor](#); [Office of Council](#)  
**Subject:** [External] LCCR ranch  
**Date:** Friday, March 4, 2022 4:53:33 PM

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Hi all ,  
Please note that we request you to let LCCR stay open  
They are doin a wonderful job  
Please help them

Sent from my iPhone

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Kay J](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] LCCR Stop Order  
**Date:** Sunday, March 13, 2022 12:39:53 AM

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Hi David,

My name is Kitty and I am writing you today specifically about the Stop Order that was issued for the Last Chance Cat Ranch.

I have been a previous volunteer at the cat rescue. It is my hope that my personal experience with the rescue and it's members can provide you with a different perspective of the current situation.

When I first began volunteering for Elizabeth, it was at the old location. At that time every volunteer would sign in, leave notes, vacuum, scoop litter, feed, wash dishes, mop the floors, wipe the counters, and spend time with the cats. We all ensured any older or special needs cats were well taken care of and healthy.

During my time at the rescue there were countless cats dropped off by strangers. No word, no note, just new cats in cages or simply tossed in the yard. It was heart breaking to see just how many cats were abandoned at the rescue. It truly underscored the problem we have in Lethbridge with stray cats and our inability to take responsibility for a problem humans ultimately created.

Though overworked, overwhelmed, undergoing cancer treatments, meetings, and fundraising, Elizabeth still took responsibility for every animal that was abandoned at her house.

Her undying devotion to the betterment of these animals lives is absolutely admirable.

It is difficult for me to comprehend why an organization that is providing a service for the city, providing care and a home for countless animals is now forced to vacate.

Elizabeth, myself, and every single volunteer for the rescue has done so much good work for the City of Lethbridge and the homeless, neglected cats in this city. Not to mention the smaller communities surrounding Lethbridge.

It is my belief that without rescues such as the Last Chance Cat Ranch, the stray animal problem in Lethbridge will become overwhelming. If our city can learn from other communities that have experienced and found constructive ways to deal with these same types of problems, we could continue to operate LCCR and other rescues like them.

This place deserves to stay in our community, they are providing an essential service.

According to United States statistics the total cost of animals picked up by animal control and their sheltering, euthanasia, or disposal ranges between \$1 to \$2 billion annually.

70% of animals in shelters are cats.

Since the LCCR is able to generate funding separate from the city, the total cost of animal control in Lethbridge is considerably lower than it could be if the rescue is unable to operate.

If the Stop Order is sought through and the rescue is unable to stay in their current location, it is my sincere hope, that the City of Lethbridge can and will do anything that is possible to help this organization find a suitable place of operation. Lethbridge needs The Last Chance Cat Ranch.

Thank you David, for taking the time to read this.

Regards,  
Kitty

**From:** [Eva Lambert](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] City of Lethbridge  
**Date:** Friday, March 4, 2022 10:51:22 PM

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I am writing you on behalf of the Last Chance Cat Ranch, specifically the Stop Order that was issued.

The additional order of only 2 volunteers per day is arbitrary and grossly inadequate.

- This order is putting the cats in care in a neglectful situation as is the house itself.
- Two people cannot possibly manage what needs to be done.
- This order needs to be rescinded.

The additional order of food delivery every 7 days is also arbitrary and creates yet another layer of hardship as this organization strives to maintain the rescue.

- This order needs to be rescinded.

The Last Chance Cat Ranch has operated out of that same location for 18 years.

- As a supporter it is difficult to comprehend why suddenly they are targeted and forced to vacate even if they are in violation of a bylaw.
- This should have been dealt with many, many years ago.

They have done so much good work for the City of Lethbridge and the homeless and neglected cats in the city and surrounding areas.

The city, surely, could find a way to help them.

Eva Lambert

**From:** [Abby Leake](#)  
**To:** [Office of Council](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Last Chance Cat Ranch  
**Date:** Friday, March 4, 2022 8:26:46 PM

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Hello City of Lethbridge,

I am writing you as a supporter of and on behalf of the Last Chance Cat Ranch, specifically in reference to the Stop Order that was issued recently.

If you've ever worked in an animal rescue such Last Chance Cat Ranch, you'd know that the additional order of only 2 volunteers per day is arbitrary and grossly inadequate. Two people cannot accomplish the daily tasks of care and cleaning this facility-and those in its care-need daily. This order is putting the cats in care in a neglectful situation as is the house itself. Two people cannot possibly manage what needs to be done. This order needs to be rescinded before you become responsible for animals receiving a lapse in humane, safe care.

The additional order of food delivery every 7 days is also arbitrary and creates yet another layer of hardship as this organization strives to maintain the rescue. Delivery of food should not be restricted arbitrarily, and if delivery scheduling is needed for the city to fulfill by-laws or for any other reason, this should be dealt with by coordinating with the rescue, not by laying down orders. This order needs to be rescinded.

The Last Chance Cat Ranch has operated out of that same location for 18 years. As a supporter it is difficult to comprehend why suddenly they are targeted and forced to vacate-even if they are in violation of a bylaw. Violations could be brought to the attention of the facility, then corrected within a reasonable timeframe. If the listed violations were an issue, this should have been dealt with many, many years ago, not dealt with in this compassion-less manner.

The Last Chance Cat Ranch has done so much good work for the City of Lethbridge and the homeless and neglected cats in the city and surrounding areas. The city, surely, could find a way to help them.

Cat Lover,

Abby Leake  
B.S. Biology  
USF Graduate Student

**From:** [Sew Bozo](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#); [Lloyd Brierley](#); [Managermayor@lethbridge.ca](mailto:Managermayor@lethbridge.ca); [Office of Council](#)  
**Subject:** [External]  
**Date:** Saturday, March 5, 2022 8:24:10 AM

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Dear Sirs and Madams

As a person who normally doesn't write letters. I was moved and frankly appalled to find, that after the last attack had been resolved. That the LAST CHANCE CAT RANCH was under attack again. Since when does one man opinions that were proven to be lies. Carry so much weight. This matter was resolved.

Yet you came back with again with the most insane orders.

If you think your new order are fair, apply then to yourself or an disabled or elderly person.

Would you tell a disabled person that no more than two of their family members are allowed to care for them a day?

Would you tell a disabled person they were only allowed to have food delivered to them once a week?

You don't even see what you've done here. It's actually shocking! You have actually, put in writing, orders of abuse! Naming each steps of how to stave and neglect the most helpless among us.

Who are you people?

18 YEARS! And not one problem. That alone should tell you all you need to know. Do you have such a clean record? I doubt it. Yet you'll let one person who actually lied destroy this haven. I hope this haunts you.

You're cowards! Every last one of you.

S Lewis

**From:** [Alexandra Long](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Last Chance Cat Ranch Stop Order  
**Date:** Sunday, March 6, 2022 8:11:58 PM

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing this email on behalf of the Last Chance Cat Ranch. I heard about the “stop order” issued by the city and am very disheartened to say the least.

This order prioritizes the soulless agenda of bureaucracy over the lives of defenceless animals. To my knowledge there are no other organizations that provide the services that the LLC does. No kill shelters are a must for animals who need a bit of extra compassion and care.

After 18 years of operation, it seems arbitrary and short sighted to enforce this by law. Surely, after the great service that the LCCR has done for Lethbridge there is some way that the city can help them continue to operate.

Other issues that have come to my attention are as follows:

-The additional order of only 2 volunteers per day is arbitrary and grossly inadequate. This order is putting the Cats in care in a neglectful situation, as is the house itself. Two people cannot possibly manage what needs to be done. This order needs to be rescinded.

-The additional order of food delivery every 7 days is also arbitrary and creates yet another layer of hardship as this organization strives to maintain the rescue. This order needs to be rescinded.

Please consider the wonderful work that LCCR has done for the city. Without their services many animals that could have loving homes will go without.

Thank you,

Alexandra Long

**From:** [Lorraine Martin](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Last chance cat ranch  
**Date:** Friday, March 4, 2022 5:49:05 PM

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Why is the city trying to destroy the last chance cat ranch? They have done more for the stray and abandoned cats in this city than anyone else. My own cats came from them , well cared for and happy. People don't seem to care about these poor animals who are starving and freezing out there. Then you get an organization who really cares and what happens? This!!!! There must be something better you guys can do than persecute an organization that has done nothing but good.

Upsets me a lot. Used to think Lethbridge was full of caring, fair people but guess I was wrong. Makes me sad and angry.

Lorraine Martin

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Sutton Mercier](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#); [Lloyd Brierley](#); [Office of the Mayor](#)  
**Cc:** [Office of Council](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Support LCCR  
**Date:** Saturday, March 5, 2022 1:09:40 AM

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I am writing you on behalf of the Last Chance Cat Ranch, specifically the Stop Order that was issued.

First and foremost this rescue has been at this location for 18 years so I don't understand why all of a sudden they are being forced to move.

Secondly, the additional order of only 2 volunteers per day is just truly unfair to the animals themselves. I am sure none of you know how hard it is to run a rescue but it CAN'T be done by 2 people. It just appears like at this point the city is being unfair and evil to try to get the rescue out faster, which may I add is disgusting to think city officials would be okay especially the Mayor! This order needs to be rescinded.

Thirdly, the additional order of food delivery every 7 days is also very unfair and needs to be rescinded. How can a city think it's okay to limit these animals food source like this. Animal cruelty!

Lastly, They have done so much good work for the City of Lethbridge and the homeless and neglected cats in the city and surrounding areas. This is your chance to stand by them and see how many people support them and their cause. Let them be and leave them alone, stop targeting them!

As a city DO BETTER! Protect Last Chance Cat Ranch!

**From:** Katie Tyo <[katherina.tyo@gmail.com](mailto:katherina.tyo@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 4, 2022 8:27 PM  
**To:** [committe@lethbridge.ca](mailto:committe@lethbridge.ca); City of Lethbridge - Planning & Design  
<[planninganddesign@lethbridge.ca](mailto:planninganddesign@lethbridge.ca)>  
**Subject:** [External] Fwd: Last Chance Cat Ranch

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Please read and consider my concerns below regarding the Last Chance Cat Ranch's Stop Order that was issued.

Sincerely,  
Katie Olfert

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Katie Tyo <[katherina.tyo@gmail.com](mailto:katherina.tyo@gmail.com)>  
**Date:** March 4, 2022 at 8:12:51 PM MST  
**To:** [mayor@lethbridge.ca](mailto:mayor@lethbridge.ca), [council@lethbridge.ca](mailto:council@lethbridge.ca)  
**Subject:** Last Chance Cat Ranch

Dear Mayor Hyggen and Members of Council,

It has come to my attention that a stop order has been issued to the Last Chance Cat Ranch (LCCR) regarding violations of the city bylaws and request to vacate their current location within a year along with other restricted uses of the property in the mean time. Having previously worked as a Development Officer, I am quite familiar with Land Use Bylaws and understand why the LCCR are being required to vacate the property.

While I am happy that the LCCR has been given a full year to be able to find a new premise that would be better suited to their use, I do strongly oppose some of the restrictions being imposed on them in regards to the care of the cats. Some of these restrictions include limiting the number of volunteers to only 2 a day, only allowing food delivery once every seven days, etc. These types of restrictions would be hugely detrimental to the cats in the LCCRs care.

The cats that are in the care of the LCCR is not an issue that should be ignored as any stray cats (or dogs) is a community issue and should be dealt with as such. More support from the City of Lethbridge is needed to ensure the furry members of our community are taken care of.

I hope that the City can work with the LCCR to ensure they are receiving the support they need, including working with them on some of the restrictions currently placed on them to find a solution that works for everyone as well as more support in the future to the care of stray cats in our community.

Sincerely,  
Katie Olfert

Sent from my iPhone

## David Sarsfield

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**From:** Cotee Marie Parker <coteeparker2020@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 4, 2022 8:17 PM  
**To:** Office of Council; David Sarsfield; Lloyd Brierley; Office of the Mayor  
**Subject:** [External] Important

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I am writing you on behalf of the Last Chance Cat Ranch, specifically the Stop Order that was issued.

The additional order of only 2 volunteers per day is arbitrary and grossly inadequate. This order is putting the cats in care in a neglectful situation as is the house itself. Two people cannot possibly manage what needs to be done. This order needs to be rescinded.

The additional order of food delivery every 7 days is also arbitrary and creates yet another layer of hardship as this organization strives to maintain the rescue. This order needs to be rescinded.

The Last Chance Cat Ranch has operated out of that same location for 18 years. As a supporter it is difficult to comprehend why suddenly they are targeted and forced to vacate even if they are in violation of a bylaw. This should have been dealt with many, many years ago.

They have done so much good work for the City of Lethbridge and the homeless and neglected cats in the city and surrounding areas.

The city, surely, could find a way to help them.

**From:** [Kaethel Sauerborn](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] LCCR  
**Date:** Thursday, March 10, 2022 9:41:10 PM

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The Last Chance Cat Ranch has operated out of that same location for 18 years.

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Thank you

Kaethel

**From:** [mackenzie schmidt](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] LCCR stop order  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 9, 2022 3:34:44 PM

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The additional order of food delivery every 7 days is also arbitrary and creates yet another layer of hardship as this organization strives to maintain the rescue. This order needs to be rescinded.

The Last Chance Cat Ranch has operated out of that same location for going on 18 years. As a supporter it is difficult to comprehend why suddenly they are targeted and forced to vacate even if they are in violation of a bylaw. This should have been dealt with many, many years ago. They have done so much good work for the City of Lethbridge and the homeless and neglected cats in the city and surrounding areas. The city, surely could find a way to help them.

This is absolutely appalling and disheartening to make a target of an animal rescue. These people dedicate their money and their time to these sweet souls. If Lethbridge had a bylaw for cats, this would not be an issue. If Lethbridge helped to fund the rescue, this would likely not be an issue.

I am completely disgusted and horrified that the city is doing this to them. I am sincerely ashamed of those involved.

Please rectify this and find your hearts.

**From:** [Diane Smithers](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Last Chance Cat Ranch Stop Order  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 8, 2022 7:30:38 PM

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Diane Smithers

**From:** [patricia stahlhut](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Last Chance Cat Ranch plea  
**Date:** Thursday, March 10, 2022 8:45:19 PM

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This order needs to be overturned.

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They have done so much good work for the City of Lethbridge and the homeless and neglected cats in the city and surrounding areas.

The city, surely could find a way to help them instead of possibly condemning the cats to a slow and painful death.

Is that really what you want Lethbridge to be known for?

I do hope you will find compassion in your heart for these animals and those who try to help them.

Sincerely,

Patricia G. Stahlhut

**From:** [Sarah Stevens](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] LCCR  
**Date:** Friday, March 4, 2022 6:16:38 PM

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Hello!

I'm writing in response to LCCR being accused of being unlawful and in violation of multiple laws. This is an amazing cat rescue that does so much good. Please find it in your hearts to be patient and offer help where it may be needed. They are doing the best they can and could use some understanding and community.

Thank you,  
Sarah Stevens

**From:** [Leanna Thomson](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] LCCR  
**Date:** Monday, March 7, 2022 7:06:50 AM

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**From:** [Brooke Ully](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Last Chance Cat Ranch  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 8, 2022 2:49:12 PM

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Sincerely,  
Brooke Ully

**From:** [Emillie Valentina](#)  
**To:** [Office of Council](#); [David Sarsfield](#); [Lloyd Brierley](#); [Office of the Mayor](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Last Chance Cat Ranch  
**Date:** Saturday, March 5, 2022 8:20:23 AM

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- This order is putting the cats in care in a neglectful situation as is the house itself.
- Two people cannot possibly manage what needs to be done.
- This order needs to be rescinded.

The additional order of food delivery every 7 days is also arbitrary and creates yet another layer of hardship as this organization strives to maintain the rescue.

- This order needs to be rescinded.

The Last Chance Cat Ranch has operated out of that same location for 18 years.

- As a supporter it is difficult to comprehend why suddenly they are targeted and forced to vacate even if they are in violation of a bylaw.
- This should have been dealt with many, many years ago.

They have done so much good work for the City of Lethbridge and the homeless and neglected cats in the city and surrounding areas.

The city, surely, could find a way to help them.

Have a great weekend,

Em

**From:** [madi.vermeulen](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Save our local nonprofit organizations  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 15, 2022 2:45:56 AM

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Dear David Sarsfield,

I am writing as a supporter of the Last Chance Cat Ranch, in regards to the Stop Order that was issued. The added restriction of only being allowed 2 volunteers per day is causing a threat to the lives of the cats that have always been cared for and raised at the Last Chance Cat Ranch . This order puts the cats in a dangerous situation as well as the facility itself. Two people cannot possibly manage what needs to be done. This order needs to be rescinded.

The added restriction of food delivery every 7 days also places a threat upon the lives of the cats that this organization strives to shelter and rehabilitate at the rescue. This order needs to be rescinded.

The Last Chance Cat Ranch has operated out of that same location for 18 years. As a supporter it is incredibly unfair and unjust to target and force this incredibly important organization to vacate. They have done so much good work for the City of Lethbridge and the homeless and neglected cats in the city and surrounding areas. The city, surely could find a way to help them.

Madi vermeulen,

**From:** [Jacqueline Villicana](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#); [Lloyd Brierley](#); [Office of the Mayor](#); [Office of Council](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Lethbridge's Cat Ranch Stop Orders  
**Date:** Saturday, March 5, 2022 12:02:02 AM

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Dear Lethbridge City's Clerk, Manager, Mayor, and Council,

I am writing you on behalf of the Last Chance Cat Ranch, specifically in regards to the Stop Order that was issued to them. There are a few points that you need to understand as to why this order is irrational, unethical, immoral, unsafe, and detrimental.

Beginning with the order of only 2 volunteers per day, which is completely obtuse and irrational. Coming from an animal shelter volunteer, doing so puts the cats in care in a neglectful situation as two people cannot possibly manage what needs to be done, which includes the cleaning and uptake of home itself. This order needs to be rescinded immediately.

Second, the order of food delivery every 7 days is also arbitrary and creates yet another layer of hardship as this organization strives to maintain the rescue. You have failed to consider emergencies, shipping delays, the current socioeconomic circumstances that have dwindled the food supply and disrupted the supply chain. This order needs to be rescinded as well.

The Last Chance Cat Ranch has operated out of that same location for 18 years and I find it difficult to believe that the alleged violations have been unmonitored and overlooked until now. It is suspicious, to say the least, and as a supporter it is difficult to comprehend why suddenly they are targeted and forced to vacate even if they are in violation of a bylaw. Unless there are collusive plans, like the acquisition of the property for other projects, there is no explanation as to their need to vacate.

They have done so much good work for the City of Lethbridge and the homeless and neglected cats in the city and surrounding areas. I would like to believe the city will find a way to help them, not punish them. Please reconsider stopping the orders mentioned. I will continue to support the Cat Ranch and I am not alone in my efforts to do so, including raising funds for legal aid and media attention.

I am hopeful that you will see the reasoning and lack of logic in the orders, and that you will show your support to this amazing organization. Please.

Much Obligated,

Jacqueline Villicana

**From:** [Jennifer A](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Last Chance Cat Ranch  
**Date:** Friday, March 4, 2022 8:08:57 PM

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The Last Chance Cat Ranch has operated out of this location for 18 years. As a supporter, it is difficult to comprehend why they are suddenly targeted and forced to vacate even if they are in violation of a bylaw. This should have been dealt with many, many years ago.

They have done so much good work for the City of Lethbridge and the homeless and neglected cats in the city and surrounding areas.

At the bare minimum, you have to think of the cat's well being. Placing unreasonable restrictions on food delivery and volunteer presence is only hurting them. Thank you for your consideration and expedient attention to this matter. There are a lot of us animal lovers out there who support this rescue and are paying attention, hoping for a positive outcome.

Sincerely, Jennifer Waggoner

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Kristin Wollberg](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#); [Lloyd Brierley](#); [Office of the Mayor](#); [Office of Council](#)  
**Subject:** [External]  
**Date:** Friday, March 4, 2022 9:15:59 PM

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The city, surely, could find a way to help them.

**From:** [Veronica Padilla](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#); [Office of the Mayor](#); [Office of Council](#); [Lloyd Brierley](#)  
**Subject:** [External] @last\_chance\_cat\_ranch  
**Date:** Monday, March 7, 2022 1:32:34 PM

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Please don't be heartless and ruin something that's many souls call home for now and those who don't have a chance to ever call home. For the souls that still need a home out there. Please don't be heartless to the people that maybe can't do much for themselves but will do everything and anything for those souls who are voiceless. I have always been taught to love and care for animals since a young girl! To this happening truly breaks my heart! Instead of trying to destroy something, try learning from it and experience it! Maybe be kind enough to give back. For those in the email please think about it again and give life a chance

Sent from my iPhone.

Veronica Zaccaro

**From:** [Lisa Main](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Support  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 8, 2022 7:43:08 PM

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Hi David,  
My name is Lisa Main  
I am writing to show my support on behalf of the city,  
The LCCR should not be allowed to operate within a residential area, we pay our taxes and our mortgages and do not want to sit outside on our deck to enjoy a nice day and smell nothing but cat pee!

Josh Russomanno  
3317 6<sup>th</sup> Ave S  
Lethbridge, AB  
T1J 1G4

The Secretary of the Subdivision and Appeal Board  
City of Lethbridge  
910 4<sup>th</sup> Ave S  
Lethbridge, AB  
T1J 0P6

Re: Stop Order Appeal DEN0063

I would like to thank the City of Lethbridge (The City) regarding the investigation which resulted in my neighbour's property located at 3321 6th Ave S being issued a stop order. I am in support of this decision as the property has not operated as a single detached dwelling for numerous years. Rather, The Last Chance Cat Ranch (LCCR) which is a large animal rescue organization and their volunteers, have been the primary users of the dwelling for use of their "Intake Home or Intake House". This operation has materially interfered with the use, enjoyment, value of mine and other neighbouring parcels of land, and does not comply with the use prescribed for the land and building in the context of the Land Use Bylaw 6300. For these reasons other neighbours and myself believe this operation should be moved to a properly equipped and zoned location.

My primary concerns relating to the current location are:

- Additional Traffic, Lack of Required Parking, and Lack of Loading Space
- Non-conforming Cat-ios
- Noise & Offensive Odour
- Safety Concerns (Fire, break-in etc.)
- Harassment / Security Concerns

Despite this, I support the LCCR as they are a great organization with a great cause. As someone who grew up with a rescue animals and currently owns a rescue dog and two rescue cats, I wish them the best of luck in their future.

For further detail please see the attached documentation.

## Stop Order Appeal: DEN0063



(a picture of my rescue dog and two rescue cats)

### Additional Traffic, Lack of Required, and Lack of Loading Space

- The dwelling is limited to one off-street parking pad despite the numerous volunteers/strangers who come and go each day, forcing them to take street parking away from the law-abiding citizens who live in their homes.

NOTE: the below pictures are a small sample size to help demonstrate some of the excess traffic

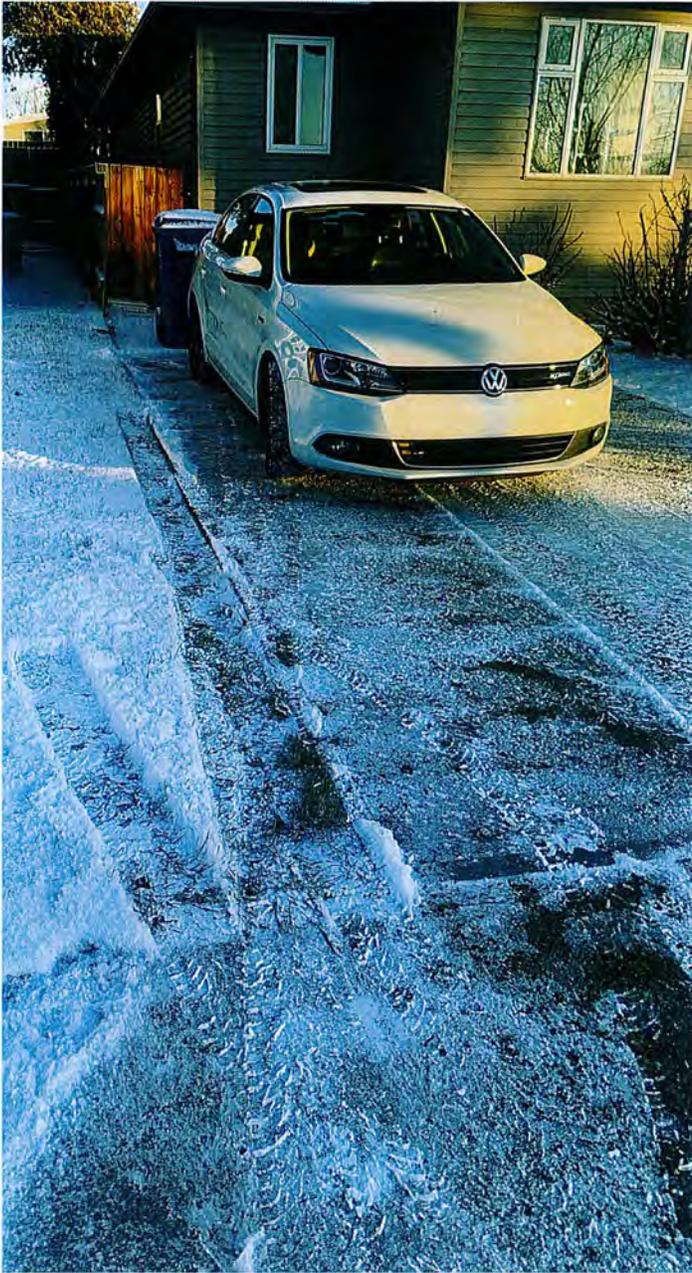
November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021: Volunteers load 15,000lbs of cat food while impeding the flow of traffic.



March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022: Food Delivery while impeding traffic



Nov. 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021: LCCR Volunteer backed over my lawn



April 22nd, 2019: Parked car hit in front my house



In the background of this picture, you can see two vehicles parked on the "intake house" single car, off-street parking pad with one them being illegally parked on the side walk.



**March 9th, 2021:** The parked car of a volunteers was hit in the front of the LCCR “intake house”, once again demonstrating why there is no need for extra traffic on this street.



Misc. Days to demonstrate traffic



## Non-conforming Cat-ios

- The definition of a Building from National Building Code 2019 Alberta: **“Building** means any structure used or intended for supporting or sheltering *any use of occupancy.*”
- In the backyard are three-similar designed cat-ios buildings. Using this definition, the cat-ios should be considered “buildings” under the National Building Code and therefore should be held to the same standards of design and safety as any other building, especially given their clear purpose for sheltering vulnerable animals.
- Accessory buildings have clear setback, parcel coverage and design and appearance requirements, none of which are met regarding the Cat-ios.
- A primary reason for setback requirements is to act as a barrier in the event of a fire, helping to prevent the spread of it between adjacent structures. Because of these cat-ios, that barrier of empty space no longer exists between their house, oversized shed/garage, and the neighbouring properties (one of which as you know is mine). Instead, there is kindling to fuel a fire and an alarmingly linear path for which that fire may travel. The cat-ios are covered by permanently attached blue tarps which are highly flammable (as most synthetic plastic derivatives are) and would certainly be both a health and environmental hazard were they to go up in flames. In the below pictures, you will see these tarps currently act as load-bearing structures for the weight of any snow, water, or debris which lands on top of them.
- Based on the above information, I believe the safest route forward is for the stop order to ensure these structures be brought up to code, with the proper permitting in place

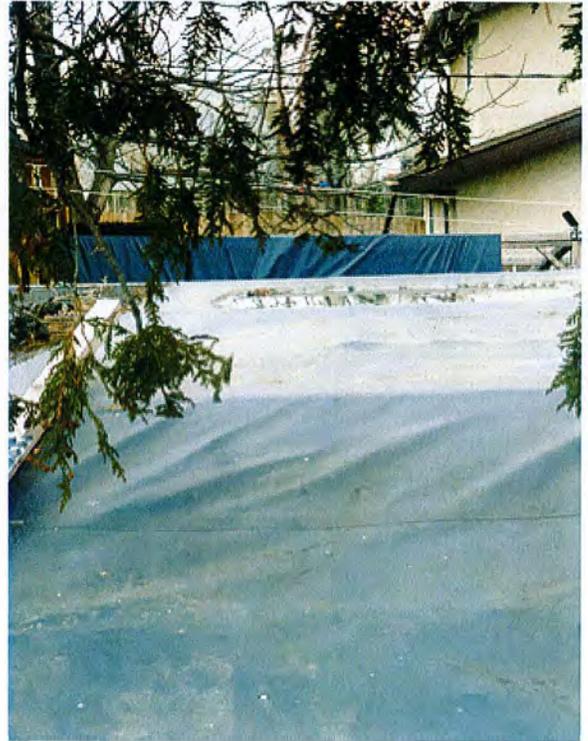
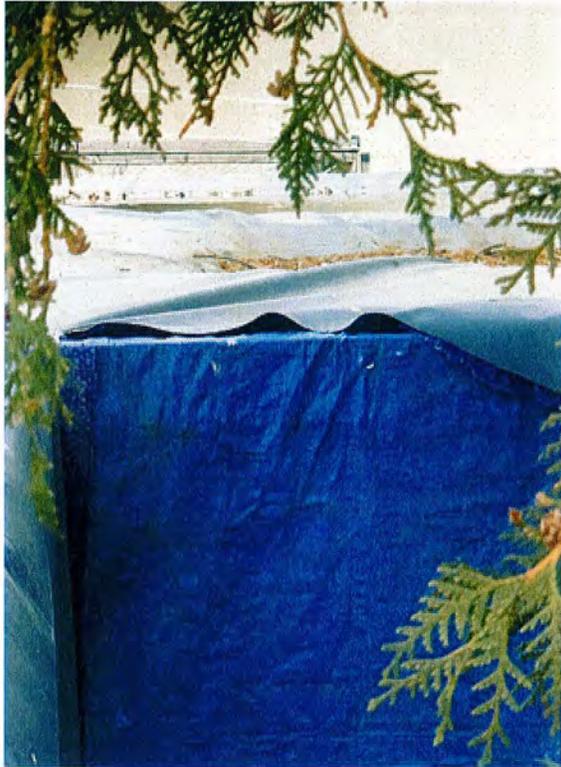
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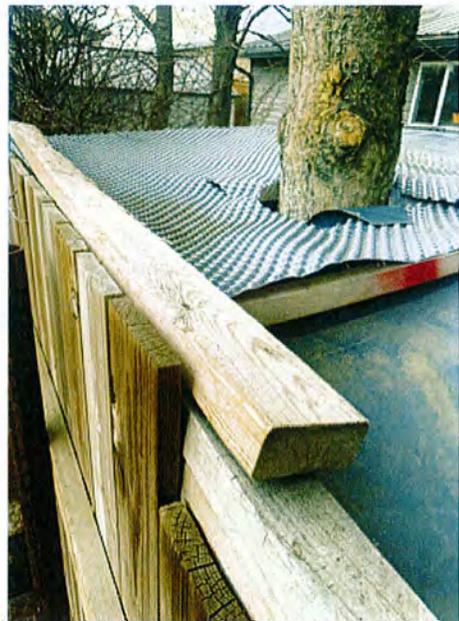
Unless otherwise provided in a Residential District, an Accessory Building shall:

- have a design character and appearance that is in accordance with a Residential District. The Building cladding and roof forms and materials shall be typical of residential Buildings in the surrounding area,
- not be located in the Front Yard,
- maintain a minimum side Setback and rear Setback of 0.6m, except where an Accessory Building is used to enclose a swimming pool, in which case a minimum 1.2m Side Yard Setback and 1.5m Rear Yard Setback shall be provided,
- have a minimum separation distance of 1.2m from the Principal Building on the same Parcel or Site,
- have a maximum height of 5.18m,
- not exceed a Parcel Coverage of 14%,
- not be a Shipping Container.

**LEGEND**

- Front yard area
- Side yard area
- Rear yard area





## Noise & Offensive Odour

- In the middle of the night, the noise of cats wakes my household up on a regular basis as you will see/hear in my recording taken at night: <https://youtu.be/cYOnwT9cT9o>.
  - Noise bylaws in Lethbridge pertain to dogs, but not cats. The LCCR is known to leave food out at night, which not only attracts stray cats but other wildlife that attributes to this issue as well.
- The LCCR has three garbage bins which often emit an offensive odour.



**The Last Chance Cat...** 2021-06-21

To: Joshua Russomanno >

The board will be happy to discuss any concerns with respect to the outside of the premises. Nothing more. Any discussions concerning LCCR will be with the City and not with you.

Furthermore, we ask that you refrain from harassing our volunteers.

Insofar as the catio issue you brought up, the board has investigated and some board members even walked the backyard. No one picked up on a smell. It is felt that the smell may be from the City Bins at the side of the house.

We are working with the city on more than a two week pick up of our bins.

Laurie

\*in this email the LCCR also accused me of harassing a volunteer. The irony of this was that same volunteer previously reached out to me (making her the only volunteer to ever do so), so I reached out to her on a later date.

## Safety Concerns

- The purpose of a safety conscious mindset is to prevent accidents before they happen because just as the below picture demonstrates, it's usually many small incidents before a serious/injury death occurs. The alternative to a preventative, safety-orientated mindset and safe work practices is that of reactive action only dealing with issues as they arise.



## 2013 Fire

- According to the LCCR the cause of the fire happened because there was a blizzard and ice storm 2 days prior that loosened tiles and water got in, shorting out wires. The fire took place when approximately 60 cats were in the house, which resulted with around half of them dying. According to a different neighbour of mine who witnessed the fire, it was just as you would imagine - horrific to watch and many of the cats that managed to escape ran back into the burning house out of fear and panic where they ultimately met their end. If there's another fire that happens in the middle of the night, how do the cats get out when no one is there? Allowing this to continue in a building with no fire suppression system is synonymous with saying that one is comfortable with the idea of animals locked up, with no means to escape, dying a horrible death. Are these trained fire cats that no one knows about?

## August, 2021 Break-In

- In August 2021 one of the cat-ios were easily broken in to when someone jumped over my fence using basic tools. They let numerous cats loose while stealing one and taking off only for volunteers to discover it in the morning because no one has lives in the house and the cats are alone and unmonitored overnight, every night.
- The person who jumped my fence to break into their cat-ios was someone previously associated with the LCCR. Does the LCCR run criminal record and reference checks for all the people who are coming and going from the intake house that they're willing to share with the neighbours?
- <https://www.mylethbridgenow.com/20812/rescue-cats-missing-from-lethbridge-facility-after-outside-enclosure-cut-open-by-vandals/>



\*Picture of the culprits. As one stands by and the other jumps my fence.

 **Last Chance Cat Ranch Lethbridge**  
November 6 at 6:07 PM · 🌐

Last night Marshall was turned into a clinic in Calgary as a stray. We of course were called as he is microchipped to us and he was released to a sister rescue there. The person who took him from the catio here in August contacted that clinic claiming to be his owner. The clinic advised her that he had been released already. She knows of course that he was released to us. We have received well over 100 phone calls today and dozens of texts in which she threatens the rescue and our volunteers multiple times. She says she will stop at nothing to get him back and that we should understand that after what she showed us what she was prepared to do when she took him in August. We believe her to have driven down from Calgary today, even though she has been told multiple times that Marshall is not here, he remained in Calgary. The police are involved.

She is creating profiles and posting crap on Instagram and other social media platforms.

Just wanted to let our valued supporters know that we are under siege and if you are in our neighborhood to keep an eye out for trouble. Please hold positive thoughts. This is unnerving to say the very least. Thank you!

👍👎👍 378 124 Comments 66 Shares

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### No Permanent Resident

- Along with this location, the city is aware of a previous LCCR location at 1726 14<sup>th</sup> Ave S where a neighbour was forced to sell their own home to get away from the nuisances the LCCR caused after they moved in next to him. I, nor anyone else is doubting the validity of health concerns which brought the founder to Edmonton, but it's important to note the intake house did not have a permanent resident for years prior to this move.
- The LCCR is adamant the house is liveable as is, so I am strongly encouraging them to put a permanent resident in the house as I am extremely concerned for the safety of the cats in the event preventable incidents continue to happen, particularly at nighttime.

### Facebook Message

- In the past I have been invited into the intake house by the LCCR and gone into it. Facebook messenger was how we communicated so that's initially how I reached to have my initial concerns addressed. After the LCCR read my message and didn't reply, I brought it to the owner/founder's attention on a later date while I was in my front yard only for her and a volunteer to start verbally attacking me and telling me that it's "none of my concern!" along with "DO YOU EVEN RECYCLE. They went as far as blocking me on Facebook instead of trying to have further conversation. Despite this, I have tried numerous times to reach out with very little luck.

 **Last Chance Cat Ranch Lethbr...**

...receiving. ...just came here and the ... is sanding in the garage. ...would you mind putting them behind the gate at the back?

Someone will steal them otherwise 😬

[Will do](#)

JUL 02, 2018, 2:49 PM

 Thanks Josh! 😊

SEP 26, 2018, 9:00 PM

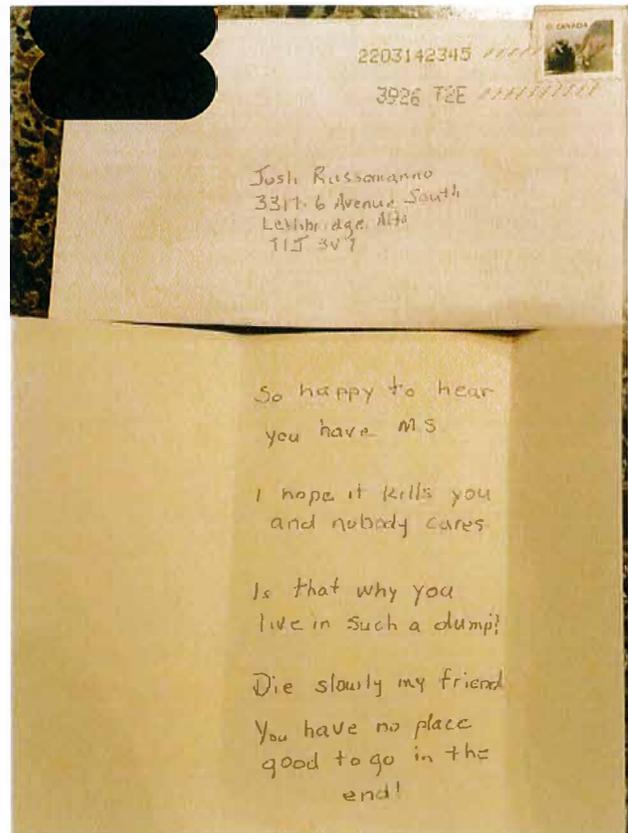
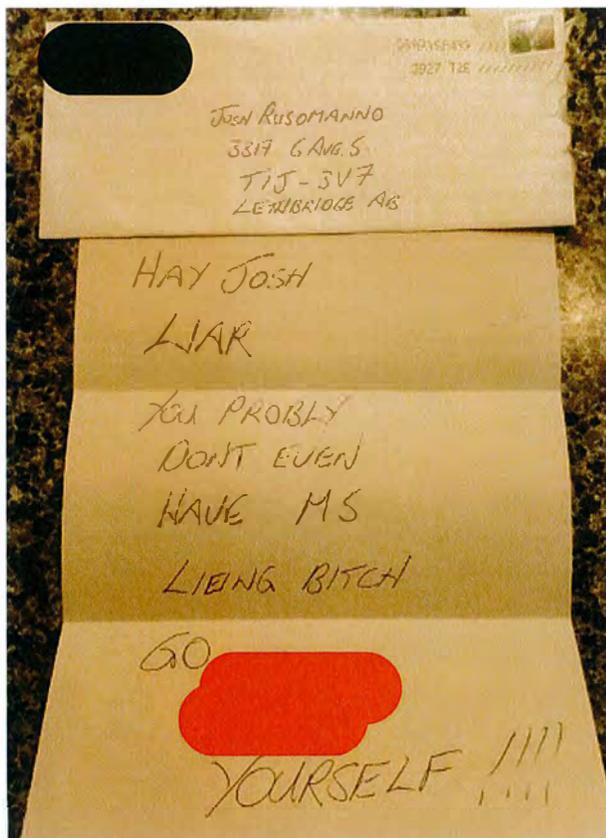
Hey, it's Josh the neighbour next door. I'm just very politely mentioning that my back yard is starting to smell like a littler box and I was hoping you could take the necessary steps to get rid of that smell from your yard and keep it from being an issue in the future. I am not trying to be rude at all and really hope we can work together on this. 😊

This person is unavailable on Messenger  
[More options](#)

## Harassment / Security Concerns

- I have always wished the LCCR the best of luck in their future and simply wish for them to move to a properly equipped and zoned location. Despite this, I have been accused of harassment for trying to speak with their volunteers only for my concerns to be downplayed preventing further conversation. At one point, I even had the police called on me for trying to calmly speak with volunteers outside the intake house. So overall, I do feel the backlash and harassment I'm receiving is unjust given that I am not breaking any laws, nor am I the only one who filed complaints.
- What this has done is shed light as to why others who also had concerns chose not to speak with the LCCR first, instead going directly to the city or chose to remain silent. The LCCR is aware the city spoke with additional neighbours and despite this, there has been an onslaught of misinformation put out there to insinuate I am the only one who complained and that I've tried to get them shut down (not moved) and that all my concerns were non-starters.
- While I understand this is a stressful situation for everyone, I do hope people can begin viewing the situation more objectively before continuing with the harassment because it will not benefit the LCCR in any capacity. Not to mention, accusing a law-abiding citizen of harassment for trying get a bylaw contravention addressed is counterproductive.
- <https://bridgecitynews.ca/last-chance-cat-ranch-neighbor-receiving-death-threats-following-stop-order-against-rescue/>

**March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022 Mail:** The above interview centres around the below letters which were delivered to my home. The LCCR said they don't condone that kind of behaviour while claiming that they have never used my name directly. This was after months of derogatory social media posts, many of which were on the official social media pages of the LCCR with many of them being "liked" or replied to by the LCCR.



NOTE: the below pictures are a small sample size to help demonstrate some of the harassment

### LCCR using my name directly



Last Chance Cat Ranch Lethbridge

May 30 · 🌐

Update: according to the City Clerk there was no meeting yesterday. It must have been some weird tail end footage from the May 26th meeting

The Community Safety Standing Policy community met today. We were not invited. I subscribed after their last meeting so I got a notification that there was something happening in a few mins but by no way is that an invitation to LCCR as I'm pretty sure those committee members have no idea who I am. They voted unanimously to send in a resolution to the Jun 2 council meeting even though the agenda for that meeting is published. They plan on bringing it as a change to the agenda. We weren't there but Mr Russomano was. We need you all to send those emails. Please take the time to voice your opinion. Not all or maybe none of them have seen the social media posts.

<https://www.lethbridge.ca/City-Government/City-Council/Pages/Contact-City-Council.aspx>

### LCCR FB post acknowledging the city interviewed additional neighbours



Last Chance Cat Ranch Lethbridge

Mar 4 · 🌐

IMPORTANT!!! LCCR HAS BEEN ISSUED A STOP ORDER BY THE CITY OF LETHBRIGE

Good morning our valued supporters and followers. If you recall, we had some upset with the city last May regarding our intake facility. A neighbor made many complaints regarding Last Chance Cat Ranch to the city, many of which were filled with falsehoods. He applied to the Safety Standing Committee where he was afforded an hour and a half of floor time, however we were not invited to that meeting; we did not even have knowledge of it until after the fact and therefore were unable to respond to any allegations. On the heels of that we met with the city, and subsequently received correspondence from the city stating that the matter was closed. Thereafter, from what we can gather, the campaign continued, and resulted in further investigation by the city, inclusive of the city becoming "aware of more issues with the operations" and interviewing additional neighbours. While we have not been made aware



Last Chance Cat Ranch Lethbridge

April 11, 2021 · 🌐

Our Founder, who has been battling Stage 4 mRCC Terminal Cancer for over 4 years now and has had to return to Edmonton for indepth medical care, has always fed and vetted homeless cats. She is still involved with LCCR in an Admin capacity, updating policies and protocols, applying for funding/grants etc however not able to do the physical part anymore, after nearly 20 years of it. Also she will, God willing, be 74 in a month! And she got her Pfizer Covid-19 Vaccine yesterday.

She carries on in advocacy and her laptop. 🙏

In her house that she lived in for the past 10 years, she fed and rescued many homeless cats, that were taken into LCCR. Recently 3 brothers who are very shy and terrified of the world around them.

She lived in a neighborhood that was not kind to homeless cats, birds and several neighbors even complained about deer poop, sprayed Round-Up on anything that interfered with their perfect green carpets. killing bees, birds, cats and any other living creature that was subjected to the toxins in pesticides.

2 neighbors that would trap cats and one who laughed saying he took them "for a long ride".

The 3 Brothers, about 10 months old were trapped and last nite, were examined, vaccinated, neutered, microchipped, dewormed and returned to their doublewide crate for recovery.

Daniel, Boubacar and Habib have a Mom out there somewhere although living in such an unkind neighborhood, she undoubtedly met her end. Her 3 boys now have a chance to continue on with their lives.

Perhaps kindness will, at some point appear in that neighborhood and Karma will do justice for the ones who suffered at the mercy of unkind humans.

Kindness presented itself last nite with Dr. Amy Lister at Family Pet Hospital & 24 Hour Pet Emergency Centre who examined, vaccinated, dewormed, neutered, and microchipped Daniel, Boubacar and Habib, with compassion and concern. Thank you Dr. Amy and Staff for your compassion.

Once the boys have fully recovered and become less terrified they will be transferred to a facility that is supportive of cats in a Country Cat Program where they will acclimatize for one month before being allowed outside. 3 Boys, 3 Brothers, 3 Amigos.

Named after 3 of our Founder's favorite singers she was listening to on CKUA FM 99.3... Daniel Lanois, Boubacar Traore and Habib Koite.

Thank you to everyone who supports what we do. 🙏❤️

  **Last Chance Cat Ranch Lethbridge**  
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 **Arlene Solis**  
only 2 'guests/day and 1 delivery/week?!  
totally ridiculous. hoping neighbor is old  
and dies peacefully before next year

2w 1

 **Author**  
**Last Chance Cat Ranch Lethbridge**  
Arlene Solis he is young and  
apparently has a history of

LCCR Facebook Post: Instead of taking down a comment that wishes the neighbour would die, the LCCR replied to it

 **biff**  
📍 9 090910, 2020

thank you, cat ranch, and all the volunteers that give their time to provide service that often involves heartbreak as well as elation. one wonders what a vile soul it takes to hurt or abandon an animal with intent. as well. what a sad sack of a sick individual would feel it necessary to pick a fight, without justification, with an organisation that is borne of heart. a life loser, in my opinion. kudos to all the other orgs that help animals in distress, including noka, paws, and the lethbridge humane. there are so many at work, and still, there are more animals in need. for those that may not volunteer, a few dollars in support is indeed no small deed. thank you.

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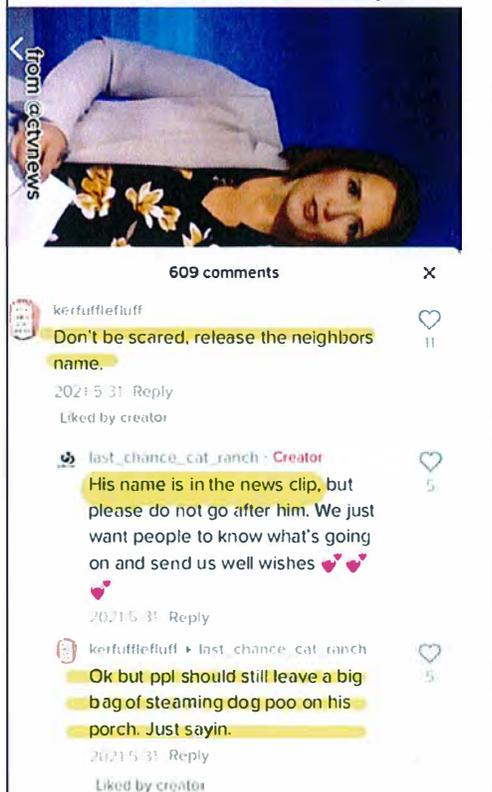
 **Cheryl Christie-Fletcher**  
As usual no good deed goes unpunished! Disgruntled neighbour needs to give his/her head a shake and maybe volunteer for one or two shifts before levelling unfounded, ill-intentioned accusations. Some humans are simply inhumane and the very reason why wonderful organizations exist.

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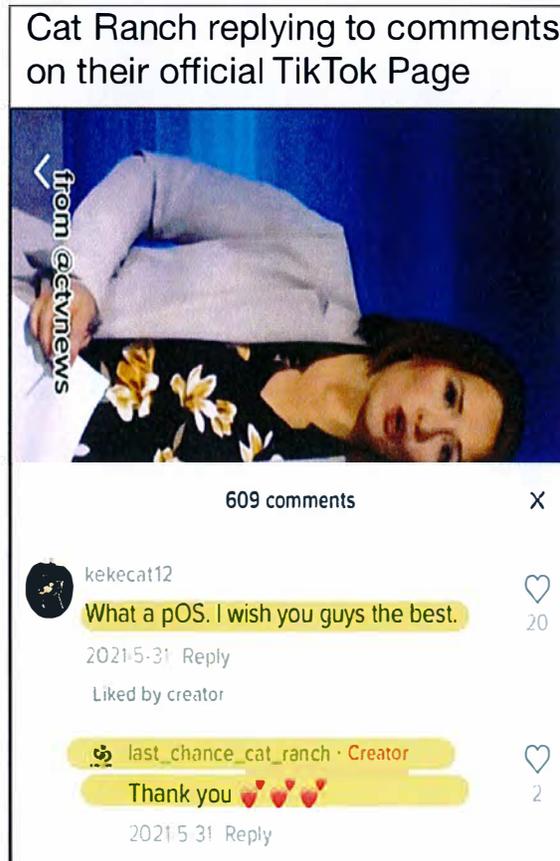
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Cat Ranch replying to comments on their official TikTok Page



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LCCR Liking a comment on their official Facebook Page

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**Jamie McGowan** Top fan  
What in the serious f\*\*\* is wrong with this city? This is disgusting. The Last Chance Cat Ranch is vital in this city. They don't care about these poor, defenceless animals. Their neighbour is the ULTIMATE KAREN!

1w 4 👍

**Last Chance Cat Ranch Lethbridge**

**CTV Lethbridge** 1d · 🌐

**Lisa Lennon**  
Thanks City of Lethbridge, we couldn't possibly keep this place in operation! It's all about kindness and hope and caring and love. Oh yes you have to shut that down and listen to that ONE person who who MUST be right!

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1m

**CTV Lethbridge** 1d · 🌐

**Leni West**  
I do not understand how the city is taking this action on ONE complaint. I hope the city's residents rally around this project to help it survive somewhere in or near the city.

1d Like Reply 5 👍

**Sarah Parrott**  
**Leni West** because they are in clear breach of land use bylaws. This is run out of a house in a residential neighbourhood.

17h Like Reply

Write a reply...

**Linda Muller**  
The ONE complaint is ridiculous. I almost bet he or she doesnt like cats!

1d Like Reply 8 👍 😞

**Trudy Meredith**  
 Lisa Lennon i wonder if he was involved in their break in?  
 1d Like Reply

**Kennedy McCloy**  
 Trudy Meredith No he wasn't the one who broke in. Was definitely a suspect at first, but the person who broke into LCCR is well known to them.  
 1d Like Reply 1

**Trudy Meredith**  
 Kennedy McCloy thanks  
 1d Like Reply

254 comments

**sicycat**  
 What the heck!!!! that's ridiculous  
 14h Reply  
 Liked by creator

**nachopurite**  
 Done and done. What a crock of On a side note I might have some friends that can help with thoes pesky neighbours. Just kidding, or am I?  
 14h Reply  
 Liked by creator

**Terri S @te\_eliza\_may\_s · 5d**  
 What sort of simple f\*\*wit objects to a clean, quiet animal shelter? Or thinks they can socialize & care for 30 cats with only 2 \*volunteer\* staff?? Lethbridge, YOU are part of the problem.

**Last Chance Cat Ranch served stop order from City of Lethbridge**



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LCCR Volunteer liking a comment on the official LCCR Facebook Page

**Last Chance Cat Ranch Lethbridge**  
 May 27, 2021 ·

**Lee Chantel**  
 I am wondering the exact same thing...  
 40w 1

**Crystal Perry**  
 No filter here. This should mind his own business. You guys are amazing.  
 40w 1

**Heather McCloy**

**Bridge City News**  
1d · 🌐

👍 Like Reply

 **Tammy Kendell**  
Wouldn't it make more sense for the 1 neighbor that's complaining to move rather than telling someone who's trying to do good in the world to go elsewhere? If that 1 neighbor doesn't like it then they should bug off

1d Like Reply 21 🗨️

 **Brandi Williams**  
5d · 🌐

Their neighbor is a [redacted]

 **Last Chance Cat Ranch Lethbridge**  
5d · 🌐

## City stop order issued for cat ranch facility

**Alejandra Pulido-Guzman**  
11:06 AM · 11/14/21

The Last Chance Cat Ranch has been issued a stop order from the City of Lethbridge based on complaints with land use bylaw 6048, regarding animal care, Major 11.021 founder Elizabeth Cain believes this is happening based on the complaints of one neighbor that have escalated since last May.

"We go to great lengths to bank all pet food for us, be when we move," said Cain.

Cain said the stop order does not allow them to have more than two volunteers per day at the house. She said this is a social media allegation of animal cruelty and neglect because they need at least six volunteers at the house to look after the needs of the cats.

"We said they have alerted the ASPCA (American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals) and they have been trying to speak to the city manager, but she is not sure how far that has gone. We have some cats that are in high medical care. They need to be fed several times a day special diets, vet appointments, etc. expensive," said Cain.

"We said they are also supposed to have food delivered, and since every seven days and they are not in public areas where they are not what they are doing."

"We had a 100,000 page for 16 years, we are not a public facility, we are not a business person that is open to the public to view and get," said Cain.

The LCCR has been operating from the same facility for 18 years, they are a 501(c)(3) charity that is willing to take on the hard cases from 17 different communities across southern Alberta. They are also a registered charity with Revenue Canada.

"We are not in a dog house, we are not fundraising and in all these years we have raised over \$2 million, which has gone into the animal care, however, the support has been minimal, a local pet food supplier and LCR who we buy all our food from. We have been an integral part of the community," said Cain.

Cain said now that they have been told they can no longer continue operations at the present location, it is now in a group to put more cats in the community at risk.

"We are looking for a new location, however, it's really similar to the cats and similar to our volunteers. The cats are in a public environment, and day know what it is like to look out the windows, what it's like to be in a kitchen," said Cain.

To help with the cost of finding a new location a petition page has been created by one of the volunteers at <https://petition.legis.gov.bc.ca/petition/2112>. The campaign is aiming at raising \$100,000.

Cain said they have made an appeal which the said will be heard at City Hall on March 31 at 4 pm in room 8. Comments and inquiries to the public.

The City issued a statement regarding the matter that reads, "The last chance for Lethbridge has been issued a phased stop order for being in violation with the City Land Use Bylaw. The specifics of the order have been provided to the organization and they have been given time to make this transition to ensure the animals can be cared for."

"When the City issues a stop order, there is an operational process that is followed by City staff. So far, to all parties, there is also a jointly identified appeal process through the Mediation and Development Appeal Board (MDAB)."

"At this time, the Last Chance Cat Ranch has filed an appeal to the MDAB and that process will be followed as per legislation. The date of that appeal is being set at this time, working with the Last Chance Cat Ranch to determine an appropriate time."

"The week of the last chance Cat Ranch has been a valued service in our community and we thank the dedicated volunteers that have helped the organization over the years."

*For more information on this story*

**Lethbridge & District Pet Network**  
Dixie Nourse Potter · 1d · 🌐

 **Trygg Williamson**  
Who is this [redacted] neighbour? Maybe it's they who should be run out of town. Kick out the grinch, not the charitable organization! That is if the accosted neighbour even exists.

A few years ago LCCR was under pressure for not having enough volunteers or a "proper" facility. Then they were targeted by Arson. Now they have too many volunteers and too much traffic? Sorry but that seems like targeted bullying to me. Make someone fight for 15 years just to disown them once they become confident in themselves eh? 😊

Oh I'm sorry city council... did the poor non-profit organization not pay you off enough? Are they behind on taxes? Or with the recent relaxation of Covid policies are you looking to bully your next victim?

**Lethbridge & District Pet Network**  
Dixie Nourse Potter · 1d · 🌐

 **Tiffani Marie Csak-Barby**  
Are you kidding me! I bet you anything it was the [redacted] neighbor that complained about them the last time!

1d Like Reply 3 🗨️

**Colby Robertson**  
1d · 🌐

Some bad folks moved in next to the Cat Ranch back in 2016. They've been a nuisance ever since. Unfortunately, their insistent complaints to the City have come to the point of the Cat Ranch being issued a Stop Order.  
What does this mean?  
The privately owned home, charitably donated for use by the Cat Ranch, will no longer be allowed to be their home.

I encourage friends who care for animals, far and wide, to follow the Cat Ranch. I anticipate requests for support will be shared by the Ranch soon and I hope you can help.

Edit: Council is not involved in the formal stop order. They were informed of it.

**Last Chance Cat Ranch Lethbridge**  
1d · 🌐

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**Last Chance Cat Ranch Lethbridge**  
5h · 🌐

**Sydney Lowe**  
Top fan  
Could someone drop LCCR pm me with the name of the neighbor, please

5h 1

**Kennedy McCloy**  
Top fan  
Sydney Lowe It's listed in some of the news articles. Global I believe published it. Otherwise it's in the video from the committee meeting, which is linked in the original post LCCR made about the whole situation.

4h 2

**Lisa Wood**  
Neighbour Joshua Russomanno voiced his concerns with LCCR to the city at a May 26, 2021 Community Safety Standing Policy Committee meeting.

LCCR Liking a comment on their official Facebook Page

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**Danielle Gulizia**  
An eye for an eye; find fault with that neighbor, anything... sidewalk not properly cleared, patch of ice on their sidewalk, dandelions in their yard, smelly compost bin... If you look hard enough, you will be able to find issues, document them, and make formal complaints. They will be so busy dealing with that and getting a taste of their own medicine that they might "back off". Hopefully, it's not too late... In other words, start making their life miserable.

4d 3 🌐

All 3 2 1

**Amy Atkins Pedersen**

**Last Chance Cat Ranch Lethbridge**

**City of Lethbridge- City Hall**  
May 31, 2021 · 🌐

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**Ashley Joy**  
This person should be named and shamed. To go after a non profit organization like this is awful, and to do it in such a dishonest and underhanded way is particularly despicable.

**Lois Crossman**  
22h · 🌐



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**Karin Wieggers**  
Unbelievable!! Some people 🤔🤔🤔  
22h Like Reply 1

**Michelle Pedersen**  
Speechless  
21h Like Reply 1

**Kelsey Goodwin**  
Horrible!!! What an [redacted] that neighbor. The catios are eye sores?!?! So put up some decorative lattice on your side of the fence  
21h Like Reply 2

**Last Chance Cat Ranch Lethbridge**  
1d · 🌐

**Anne Bell**  
I suppose this is the same A\*\*E that tried to get the city to close the cat ranch down about 8 months ago. The cat ranch has been operating out of that house long before he moved in, & I am sure he was aware that the cat ranch existed in that house before he bought it but he probably figured he could buy the house & complain enough about it after he moved in so he could get the city to close them down.  
Who ever the A\*\*E is lay off we need a place like the cat ranch, we don't need you.  
To all the volunteers & Elizabeth keep up the good work.  
Good luck, keep fighting the bureaucrats they are a bunch of A\*\*H's also if they approve of this underhanded way to close you down.

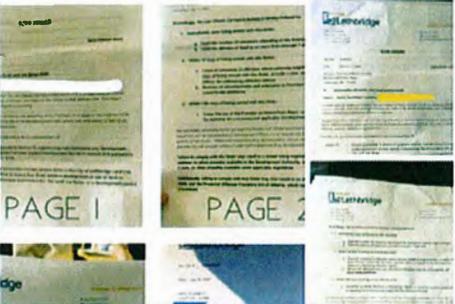
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**Tamara Rees**  
52m · 🌐

Our feral and dumped cat population here is crazy. What a bunch of heartless [redacted]. Our city needs to stop wasting all the money on useless crap and step up, and these "neighbours" really need to tend to their own weeds, and get the [redacted] off their back. I suppose I could start dropping the starved and frozen and dead cats on their porches and driveways. But then, they probably wouldn't care anyway. Heartless bastards.

**Last Chance Cat Ranch Lethbridge**  
3h · 🌐

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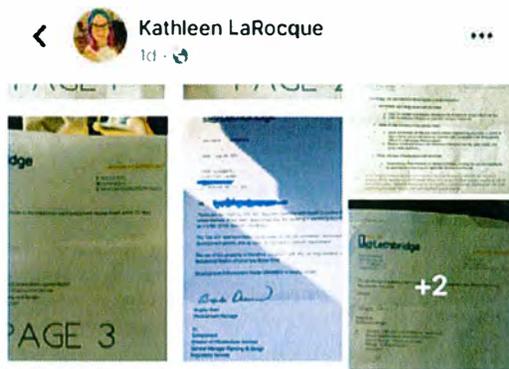
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**Darryl Matthews**  
I wanna know who the goddamn neighbor who complained is!!!  
1d 1

**Julie Bowen**  
Darryl Matthews Josh Russomanno  
1d

**Darryl Matthews**  
Julie Bowen ok, thnx  
1d

**Jean Van Kleek**  
All because of one loud mouth neighbor...  
1d



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**Karolton Sefcik**  
 Kate, OMG, HUGZ4U and all the others and cats. So sorry to hear that about your new neighbor. Don't know if this will help, if you guys move, then a more lucrative business would move in, and RAISE TAXES FOR HIM. And you can probably hear how grateful your neighbor will be for this. Though sounds like the type that will [redacted] about anything.

18h Like Reply

**Karolton Sefcik**  
 Prayers4all involved too

18h Like Reply

**Karolton Sefcik**  
 keep us posted

13h Like Reply

**Karolton Sefcik**  
 don't mean to break your seriousness here, is this neighbor sexually frustrated? If he ends up being 1 of your clients, UGGH. Is this person vaccinated?

18h Like Reply

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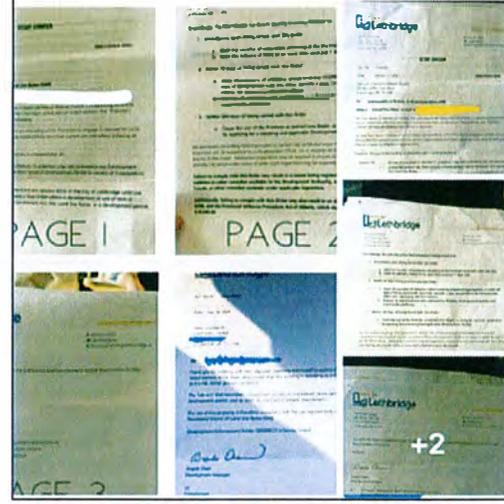
**Karolton Sefcik**  
 You're too nice a person to have this happen too.

13h Like Reply

**Karisma Angel**  
 1d · 🌐  
 Imagine [redacted] trying to shut down an animal shelter. There is some low life's in this city [redacted] Please help this organization in anyway you can so unacceptable of the City of Lethbridge- City Hall

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**Basia Kluzinski-Skeels**  
 The neighbour needs a life and to mind his own business. Perhaps he should focus his energies on encouraging city council to create a bylaw that requires cats and dogs be fixed and maybe offer a low cost spay/neuter program.

2h 14

 **Last Chance Cat Ranch Lethbridge**  
1d · 🌐

 **Crystal Perry**  
I think it's time for you to empty all the cat litter boxes in the neighbours yard.

👍

18h

 **Last Chance Cat Ranch Lethbridge**  
1d · 🌐

 **Kirsty Penrod**  
May the fleas of a thousand camels infest the crotch of the evil, miserable thing that made this happen. This is absolutely sickening. Why are some people so miserable, heartless and want to ruin other people. As if lccr wasn't under enough stress.

1d 22 🙌 😂

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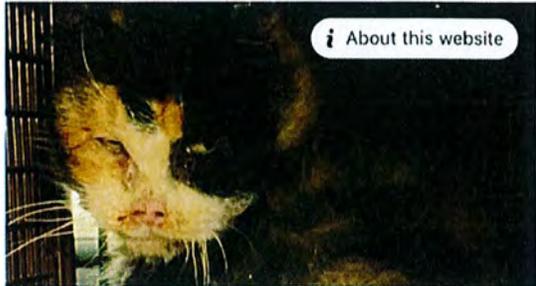
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 **Fran Davis**  
1d · 🌐

This cat rescue in Lethbridge has been around for many years, only to be forced to leave their location due to a miserable new neighbour making many complaints. Please help if you can. It would be devastating to the area cats to lose this amazing rescue.

 **Last Chance Cat Ranch Lethbridge**  
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We have created a Go Fund Me for a new building. Either to buy a building or to lease an approp... See More



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GOFUNDME.COM  
**New Facility for Last Chance Cat Ranch, organized by Laurie Olmsted**

Last Chance Cat Ranch Lethbridge  
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Top fan  
Roxanne Michalski

I hope a garbage hoarder moves in and mice take over, neighbor would wish LCCR was there then.

1d 25 👍 🗨️



Top fan  
Ornela Malikova  
Amen 🙏

1d



Dani Lynn  
Roxanne Michalski LOL THIS!!! 🤔

1d 1 🗨️



Top fan  
Roxanne Michalski  
Dani Lynn that'd teach the flappy lipped SOB!!

1d



Dani Lynn  
Roxanne Michalski oh it sure would!!! Have had one too many encounters with this POS 🤔



Top fan  
Roxanne Michalski  
Dani Lynn release the varmin!!! 🤔



TENOR  
1d 1 🗨️



Dani Lynn  
Roxanne Michalski he be like ....  
WHERE'S LCCR?



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**Brittney M Webster**  
How insane!  
1w 1 🗨️

**Sandi Hartshorne Tasche**  
I am in BC on the Island. I am hoping it all works out and you win your appeal.  
1w

**Rhonda Goulet**  
Unreal  
1w

**Tabitha McCoy**  
Kristal McCoy  
1w 1 🗨️

**Mike Row**  
I don't often wish ill on people, but this neighbor deserves 7 years of bad luck and a plague of locusts  
1w 3 🗨️

**Connie L Hall** 23h · 🌐

The Last Chance Cat Ranch has come under attack.

A vindictive neighbour has complained to the City, and has instigated surveillance to the extent of having the City Bylaw procedures used to issue Stop Orders against LCCR operations.

PLEASE HELP. PLEASE READ.  
PLEASE SHARE WIDELY.  
PLEASE SEND LETTERS. PLEASE CALL THE CITY.  
PLEASE HAVE THE CITY EXPLAIN.  
PLEASE CALL THE MEDIA. PLEASE REPORT THIS TRAVESTY.

LOST AND ABANDONED AND INJURED CATS NEED SOMEWHERE TO GO IF LCCR IS FORCED TO CLOSE.

**Lethbridge & District Pet Network** · Join  
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**URGENT**

**Last Chance Cat Ranch Lethbridge** 17h · 🌐

**Katarzyna Meijers**  
Shame on you City of Lethbridge! Shame on you complaining citizen/ neighbour!!! Karma will come to you! They should make the name public! So we will know too!

**Colby Robertson** Top fan  
Katarzyna Meijers it is already public. With enough searching through public records you can find a name attached to the original safety complaint. Interestingly, the same person makes jokes about the LCCR on their personal Facebook page. Bothering the person in question won't help the situation, however, so I recommend you do not contact them.

**Katarzyna Meijers**  
Colby Robertson I will definitely not. Thank you for the info. Never thought about any contact with someone like "IT".

**Lethbridge & District Pet Network** Dixie Nourse Potter · 1d · 🌐

**Garrett Olsen**  
What's this neighbours name

**Mireille Carrier**  
Garrett Olsen I'd love to know that too

**Linda Christensen**  
Garrett Olsen a close neighbor...

Write a reply...

**Jennie Solomonson**  
Which neighbor is it? Inquiring minds want to know. Cat hater.

**Tiffani Marie Csak-Barby**  
Jennie Solomonson I'm pretty sure its the same one that launched the complaint last year about them

**Last Chance Cat Ranch Lethbridge** 17h · 🌐



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**Kaysie Dudart** Top fan  
I can honestly say just from being there myself it's a great place, well kept and clean. There is lots of love and wonderful people who really care about these cats. Thank you for everything you do and I'm sorry for what you are going through. One sad pathetic guy should not be able to cause such a mess and heartache to so many.

**Trudy Meredith**  
 Lisa Lennon i wonder if he was involved in their break in?  
 1d Like Reply

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 1d Like Reply 1

**Trudy Meredith**  
 Kennedy McCloy thanks  
 1d Like Reply

**Lethbridge & District Pet Network**  
 Dixie Nourse Potter · 1d ·

**Mireille Carrier**  
 My goodness who the hell is that asshole that complained??? That really makes me angry. Unreal. Let us know what we can do to help.  
 1d Like Reply 9

**Lethbridge & District Pet Network**  
 Dixie Nourse Potter · 1d ·

**Jjai Rosenberg**  
 Tell me your a [redacted] loser without telling me your a [redacted] loser -  
 "The city issued a stop order after getting complaints from a neighbour." complains about a non profit animal rescue....  
 Maybe the neighbour should move.  
 23h Like Reply 8

**Lois Crossman**  
 May 29, 2021 ·

I have adopted cats from The Last Chance Cat Ranch in Lethbridge and am a medical foster for them in Calgary. It's disgusting how one person (a nasty neighbour) can put out such negative comments and reports to try and ruin their exemplary reputation in cat rescue.

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 Last Chance Cat Ranch attempts to set record straight  
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16h 5

**Karl Marten**  
 Probably a lot cleaner than the house of the person who constantly complains to the city about you.  
 7h 3

**Donna Crowson**  
 Karl Marten agree!!!  
 2h

- LCCR volunteer falsely correcting someone to claim its only “one neighbour” making complaints.
- A different supporter references a “train station”
  - “train station” refers to a roadside cliff in Wyoming that the Dutton crew use to deposit dead bodies of their enemies

< **Lethbridge & District Pet Network** ...  
 Dixie Nourse Potter · 1d · 🌐

**Richie Ulrich**  
 Someone out this neighbour. Like now. Anyone who knows. Put that [redacted] waste of breath on blast.  
 1d Like Reply 5 🍊

**Tiffani Marie Csak-Barby**  
 Richie Ulrich its the same one that went to the city a while ago and complained, I can gaurentee that  
 1d Like Reply 3 🍊

**Alexandrea Fshd**  
 Richie Ulrich same one who's always complained  
 18h Like Reply

**Adrien Dixon**  
 Darby Reptke apparently it is a lot of neighbours, what their complaint is, i don't know  
 1d Like Reply

**Kennedy McCloy**  
 Adrien Dixon it isn't a lot of neighbours. It is one neighbour. He has tried to go around to surrounding neighbours and spread lies and turn them against LCCR, however many of them have had information set straight.  
 1d Like Reply 4 🍊

**Adrien Dixon**  
 Kennedy McCloy maybe you are right but i heard different  
 1d Like Reply

**Kennedy McCloy**  
 Adrien Dixon I am a volunteer there. It is one neighbour causing all the issues  
 1d Like Reply 2 🍊

**Christie Huber**  
 Kennedy McCloy are you able to have more than 2 volunteers at one time or are there restrictions because of covid?  
 1d Like Reply 1 🍊

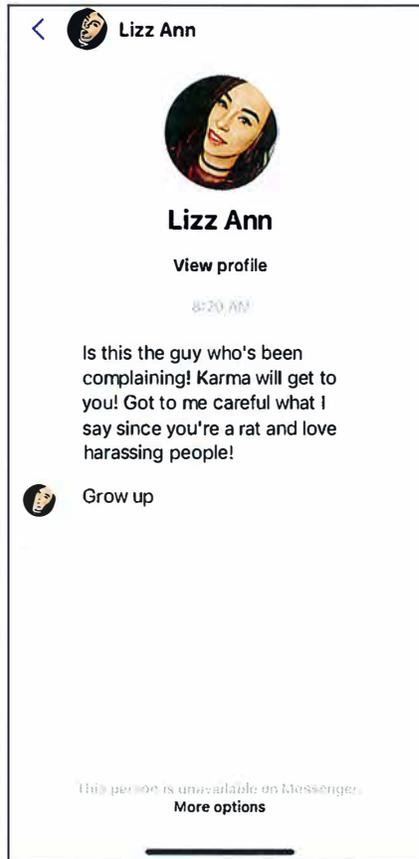
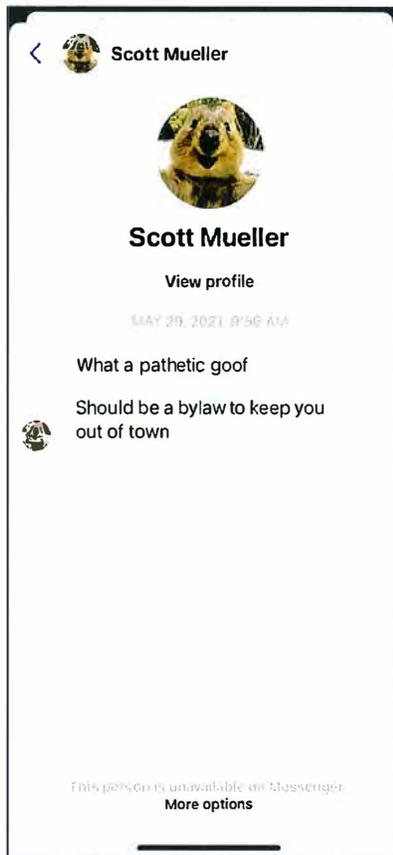
Write a reply...

**Linda Christensen**  
 Darby Reptke anyone know where there is a train station??  
 1d Like Reply 2 🍊 😄

**\*if needed I can provide dates, along with the original posts for any of the above social media post**

**Private Messages**

The below messages are some of the private messages I received through Facebook messenger



<  **Darryl Matthews**  
Active 43m ago  



**Darryl Matthews**  
Facebook  
You're not friends on Facebook  
Lives in Medicine Hat, Alberta

TUE 5:16 AM

Are you the person that lodged a complaint about the Last Chance Cat Ranch?



TUE 6:19 AM

Hi Darryl, why do you ask?

You can now message and call each other and see info like Active Status and when you've read messages.

TUE 6:44 AM

Because I heard that you are. And I'm curious as to why.



Okay. Here are my thoughts on it. The LCCR is a great organization with a great cause. As the owner of 2 rescues cats and a rescue dog, I wish them the best of luck finding their new location!



Uh huh.. right. I'll bet. 

And if they can't find one, and they have to shut down, (thanks to you), I guess it's a case of "oh well", right? No big deal? Who cares, it's just a bunch of cats, eh? No big deal?



I'm not sure where you're going with this? I wish them good luck and hope you do the same!

Where I'm going with this is: since you didn't deny that you're the Karen that made the complaint, then I'm assuming you are. I hope you're real goddamn happy with screwing over a volunteer organization, and most likely condemning a bunch of cats to death. Frickin Millennials are gonna ruin this world!



TUE 7:41 AM

I don't think slander and accusations will help to solve a bylaw infraction. Again, I wish them the best of luck in finding a location in a properly zoned area and hope you are doing the same. Have a great day 😊

Yeah.. like I said.. KAREN!! What happens if they can't?? They weren't bothering anybody. But a sniveling weasel had to come along, just to be entitled. Freakin goof!!!!



Accusation? I asked, and you didn't deny. How is that an accusation?

Y'know what, who cares, it's no worse than what you've done, Karen!



TUE 5:44 PM

Darryl, I ask that you don't harass me any further. I'm sorry you don't support the city's decision that will see the cat ranch moved into a properly zoned location.

Too bad that you didn't give the same consideration to the people that are only trying to save some helpless cats. And, it's a decision that only happened because a useless Karen that just wants to cause problems couldn't mind it's own frickin business!! "Zoned"!! Give it a rest!! You don't give a damn about zoning, you just saw a chance to screw over some good people!! You're living proof of what happens when cousins fomicate!! Oh, and btw, you might want to be prepared to get flooded by messages telling you what a douche you are. I'm spreading the word about you to as many people as I can. Enjoy, !



MAR 11, 12:26 AM

What, no witty comeback? Or are you realizing what a  you are?



SUN 2:46 PM



C'mon Karen... I'm waiting..



**Angela Jean**

Active now

**Angela Jean**

Facebook

You're not friends on Facebook

1 mutual friend: Mandy Toth

3:07 PM

Hi Josh, The LCCR house is livable -you can see it from the outside and from the inside. Please stop lying so much. Also, you cannot park with 3 meters or 5 feet of any driveway. Judging by the neighbours' driveways on each side of you, there is no room for your big white truck, or any other vehicle in front of your house. You are the one breaking city bylaws and anyone can call in your illegal parking, daily, twice daily, etc. The police usually give 1-2 warnings then give tickets. So you should start parking legally. If tarp bothers you, then don't look, turn your head. You come from the Pass so tarp is part of your blood. There is nothing wrong with the care of those animals, the care is damn good. There is something wrong with a person who thinks constantly lying to get his way is okay. There is more danger from fire for yourself living up in a high bi-level than for living creatures in

a bungalow. Any building is at risk for fire, the LCCR house is very low risk. It was rebuilt, inspected, all wiring, etc updated in the rebuild. The LCCR has been reclassified as GI , major rather than minor, and they were supposed to have a year to move. That wasn't good enough for the big baby next door. You can stop your public lying and get off the volunteers backs. Most of them work full time jobs, are raising families, etc. You've just made them work 10 times harder in this year preparing for a move because you are a big, modern man-suck tit, used to mommy and daddy jumping every time you started to whine. I'd like to thank the newspaper that printed your name. Go to the gym you big hero and leave this too decent to give your info out but when I drove by I knew it would be the jack-ass with the " I'm a big man truck" that had be harassing the mostly female run organizations. All because he doesn't like tarp and likes to park his big truck illegally.

Hi Angela. Not that it matters, but I don't even own a truck. I ask that you don't harass me any further. I'm sorry you don't support the city's decision that will see the cat ranch moved into a properly zoned location. Have a great day.

You can now message and call each other and see info like Active Status and when you've read messages.

The animals are well taken care of; the home and yard are well taken care of- you are a liar.

Yes, they changed them to major, GI. and gave them a year to move. YOU, big baby couldn't wait and lied about the state of the house, the yard and the care of the animals. You lied and you didn't need to as they will be moving anyway. Retract your lies, try being a man, not a big cry baby .

## Other

### Fundraisers

<https://www.avivacommunityfund.org/ideas/acf17204/>

- “For the past eight (8) years we have operated out of Elizabeth's home and other foster homes. We have also rented spaces that were proving to be either too expensive or not suitable for the public to come to meet the cats, i.e. one was in a basement suite in a private home and it was proving not to be suitable due to having to carry heavy litter containers, food and other items up and down stairs every day. If we have our own building we can help more cats and it will enable us to do more for the community through education programs.”
- “**Having our own building will enable us to be more accessible to the public who are interested in volunteering or adopting.** We will continue with using foster homes as there will always be the need to house cats separately.”
  - Back in 2013 the cat ranch acknowledged the need for a better building.

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[https://www.adoptapet.com/adoption\\_rescue/75150-the-last-chance-cat-ranch-lethbridge-alberta](https://www.adoptapet.com/adoption_rescue/75150-the-last-chance-cat-ranch-lethbridge-alberta)

**A Lethbridge, AB TIJ IG4 rescue helping to find loving homes for dogs, cats.**

**“I currently have 73 cats at the main foster home, which has now turned into an animal shelter”**

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**LAST CHANCE  
CAT RANCH**

FOUNDER, ELIZABETH GINN

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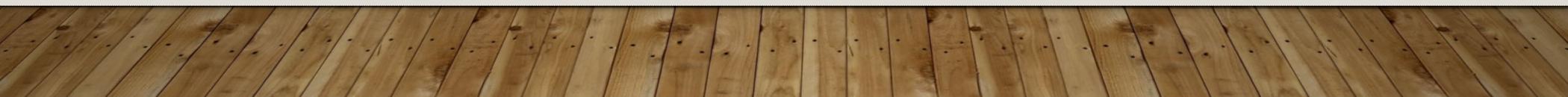




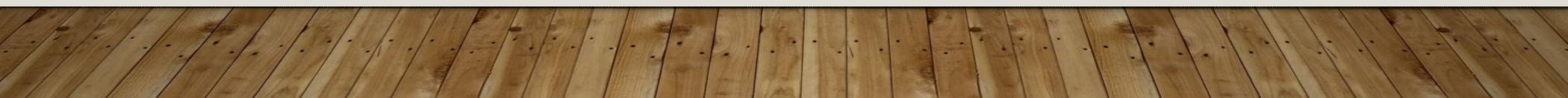
2013



Rebuilt in 2015







RE: ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

Thank you for meeting with Mrs. Maureen Gaehring and myself to outline the use of the above noted address. It has been determined that this building is operating as a Single Detached Dwelling as it is Ms. Ginns' primary residence.

The "cat-io's" that have been constructed on site are considered 'landscaping' and do not require a development permit, and as such, do not have a setback requirement.

The use of this property is therefore compliant with the use requirements of the R-L Low Density Residential District of Land Use Bylaw 6300.

Development Enforcement Folder DEN00633 is hereby closed.

*Angela Olson*

# MEETINGS

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February 7<sup>th</sup>

- we were contacted by Planning & Design Department

February 14<sup>th</sup>

- 4 of our board members attended a Microsoft teams meeting with that department
- Told they were issuing Stop Order on Primary Residence related to a Single Dwelling

February 17<sup>th</sup>

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### **STOP ORDER**

Our File: DEN00633

Date: March 4, 2022

**REGISTERED MAIL**

The Last Chance Cat Ranch Society  
PO Box 30025 Park Place  
Lethbridge, AB T1J 4X3

**RE: Contravention of Section 12 of Land Use Bylaw 6300**

**Subject: Animal Care Major Located at 3321 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, Lethbridge, AB**

We have reason to believe you and/or The Last Chance Cat Ranch Rescue ("LCCR"), is operating an animal rescue, which falls within the land use of Animal Care Major at the above-noted address (the "Premises") without the requisite Development Permit or rezoning.

We also have reason to believe that volunteers are attending at the Premises to engage in services for LCCR and an offensive odour is present at the above-noted address and that current use and odour is having an offensive impact on neighbouring properties.

Therefore, the use of this building is deemed to be in contravention of:

Section 12	Except as provided in Section 13, a person may not commence any Development unless the person has been issued a Development Permit in respect of it pursuant to this Land Use Bylaw.
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Further, Section 645 of the Municipal Government Act and Section 40(1) of the City of Lethbridge Land Use Bylaw 6300 allows a Development Officer to issue a Stop Order where a development or use of land or buildings does not comply with the Municipal Government Act, the Land Use Bylaw, or a development permit or subdivision approval.

Accordingly, The Last Chance Cat Ranch Society is hereby Ordered to:

1. Immediately upon being served with this Order:
  - a. Limit the number of volunteers attending at the Premises to no more than 2 per day;
  - b. Limit the delivery of food to no more than once per 7 days; and
2. Within 30 days of being served with this Order:
  - a. Cease all emissions of offensive odours entering neighbouring properties, or within 20 days of being served with this Order, provide a plan, acceptable to the Development Officer for addressing offensive odours;
  - b. Remove all advertisements and references to Premises from the LCCR website and social media platforms;
3. Within 365 days of being served with this Order:
  - a. Cease the use of the Premises as Animal Care Major, or bring the use into compliance by applying for a rezoning and applicable Development Permit.

We are hereby providing notice pursuant to Section 542 of the Municipal Government Act, that a site inspection will be requested by a Development Officer, on or around (30 Days) to assess compliance with #1 and #2 of this Order. Additional inspections may be required to ensure ongoing compliance with this Order, and the City will provide notice of when such inspections may be required.

**Failure to comply with this Order may result in a caveat being registered against the property, in addition to other remedies available to the Development Authority, including injunctive relief from the Courts, or other remedies available under applicable legislation.**

**Additionally, failing to comply with this Order may also result in an offence ticket, pursuant to Bylaw 6300, and the Provincial Offences Procedure Act of Alberta, which may result in a fine of up to \$10,000.00.**

**Accordingly, The Last Chance Cat Ranch Society is hereby Ordered to:**

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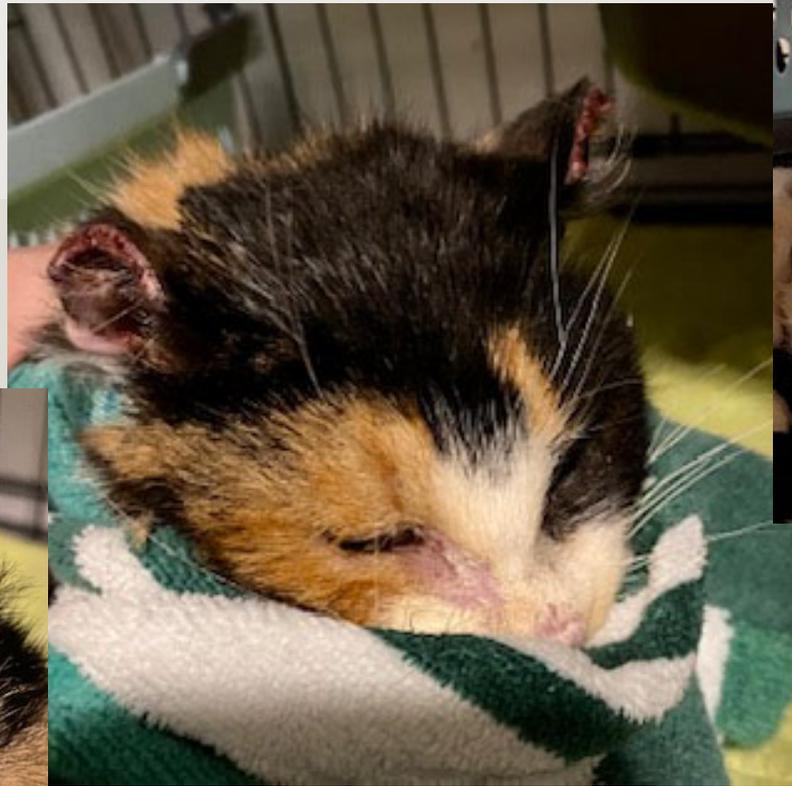
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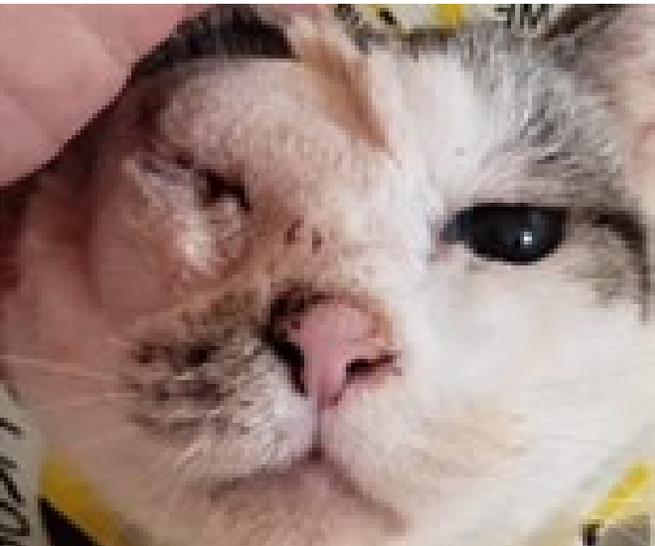
## VOLUNTEER:

- “I can’t commit to feeding cats Tuesday due to my busy work schedule, but I can make time on my lunch break, to come over and give Caymen his eye drops.”
- “My son doesn’t have soccer tomorrow night; I can come help with the feedings later!”
- “I can only come for an hour; I need to study for an exam tonight! Can anyone else help me with the cleaning tonight?”



“I lost most of my ears to extreme frostbite.... So painful!!”







Province of Alberta

ANIMAL PROTECTION ACT

**ANIMAL PROTECTION REGULATION**

## "Animal Protection Regulation "

### **Animal Protection Regulation**

The Animal Protection Act prohibits a person from causing an animal to be in distress, and prohibits owners and caregivers from allowing an animal to remain in distress. The Act enables peace officers and police officers to remove animals from distressful situations, to respond to situations involving abandoned animals, and to hold animal owners and caregivers to animal care duties defined in the Act. Penalties for contravention of the Act are also documented.



## ANIMAL CARE MAJOR

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- Development for the health care research for and the treatment, boarding, breeding or training of animals within or outside buildings and includes supplementary sale of associated products. This term refers to uses such as veterinary hospitals, animal shelters, pet day cares, boarding and breeding kennels, facilities for impounding and quarantine animals and related research facilities.

# WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN AN ANIMAL SHELTER AND A RESCUE?

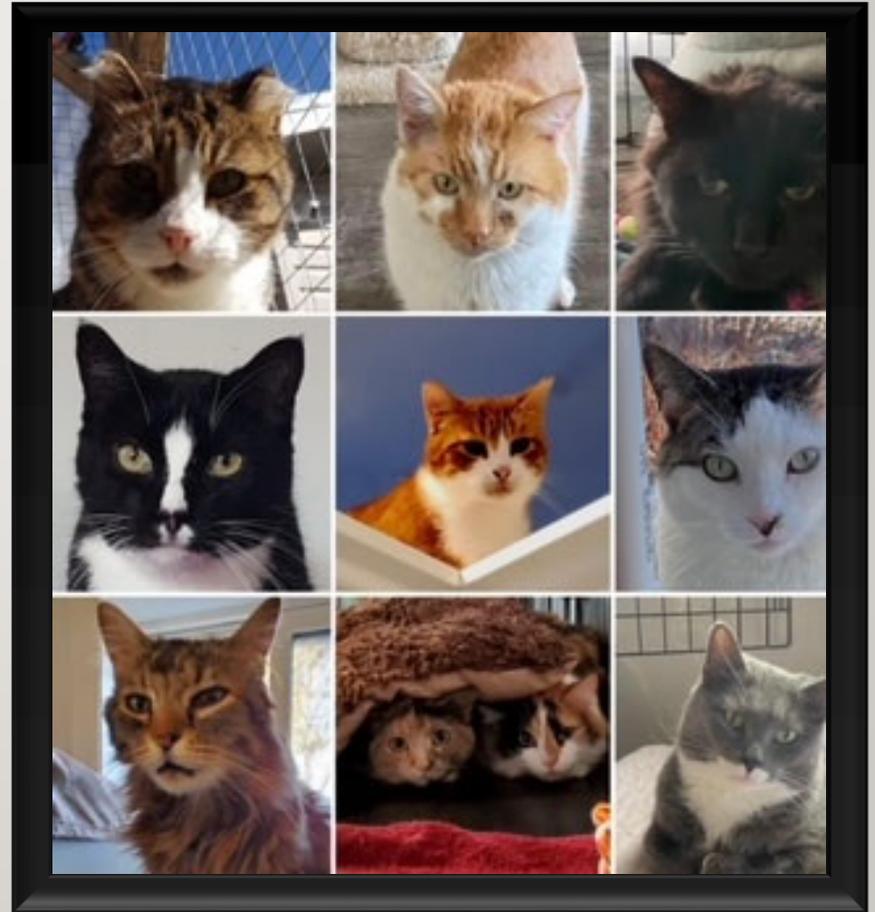
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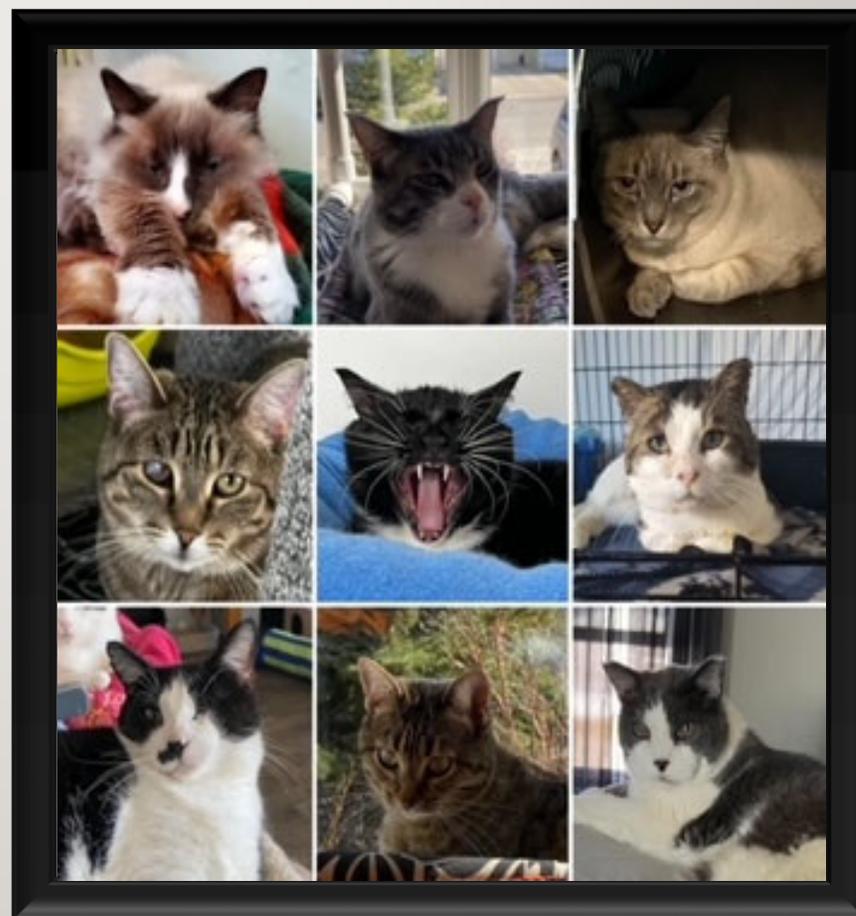
## Animal Shelter

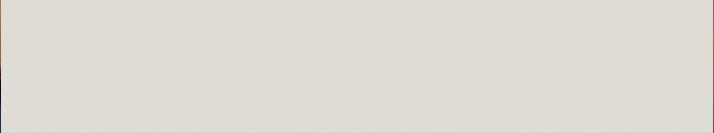
- A shelter is an organization, that rescues community pets and provides a temporary shelter for them.
- It has a physical location, where the public can walk in and visit.
- Sometimes shelters will have veterinarians on hand.
- Shelters receive government funding and have paid staff.
- They rely on visitors to help socialize, play, and visit the animals.

## Rescue Group

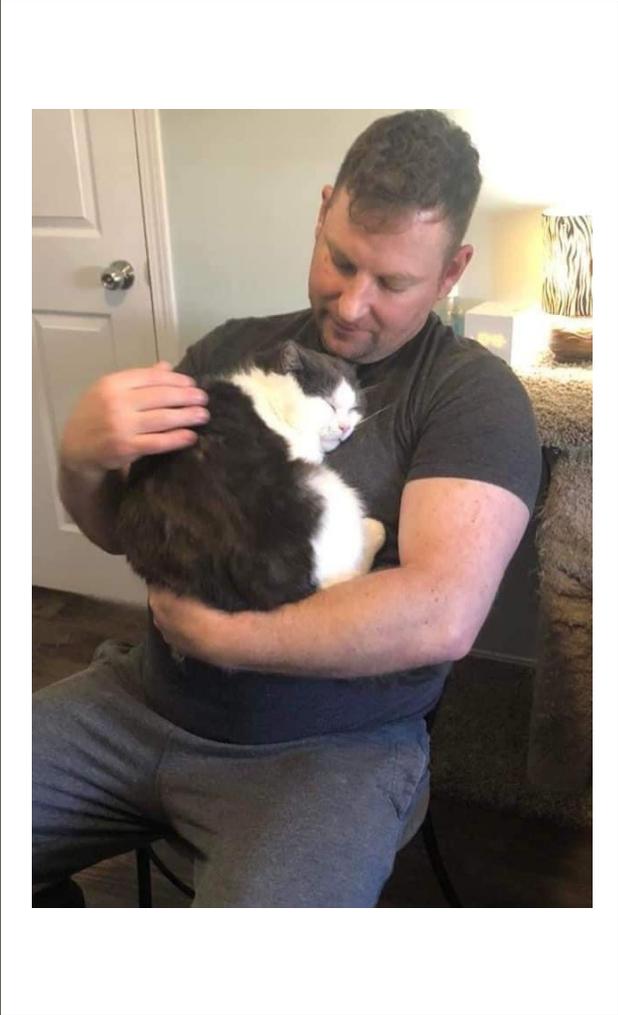
- A rescue is a group, that rescues abused, neglected, abandoned, homeless, and wild animals.
- It is usually completely volunteer-run.
- Sometimes rescues are housed in one individual home, but usually also have a network of foster homes
- They have high level focus on rehabilitation and working through trauma behaviors, so their animals generally remain in their care longer.
- They fund their rescue efforts through donations and fund raising, and typically are provided no government assistance.





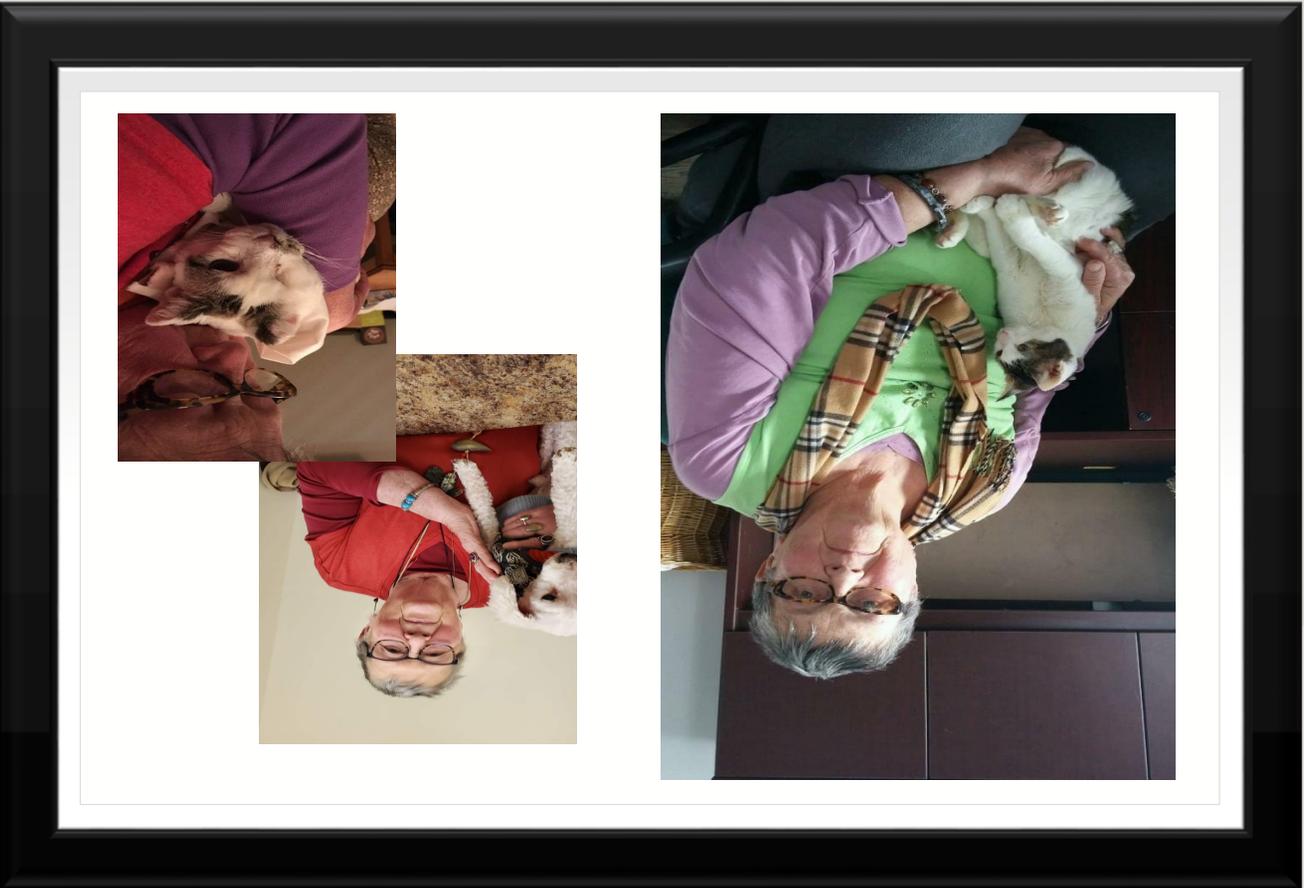






To know that  
even one life has  
breathed easier  
because you  
lived... THIS is to  
have succeeded!

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LAST CHANCE  
CAT RANCH



“If there isn’t a cat bylaw, then there is no means of dealing with free-roaming cats..... Unfortunately, that means individuals or groups like (LCCR) are the ones left trying to care for those animals. We appreciate that they do.”

Dan Kobe  
Communications Manager, SPCA

**From:** [Monica Baczuk](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Appeal for Last Chance Cat Ranch  
**Date:** Thursday, March 31, 2022 6:43:55 AM

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Dear Mr. Sarsfield,

I am writing in support of the Last Chance Cat Ranch and their appeal to the city. I have been a volunteer with this organization for over 3 years, and have been appalled by the behavior of the city over the complaints raised by our neighbor. For the city to devote this much time and manpower to one individual (who brought many exaggerated and untrue claims forward at the meeting on May 26, 2021) is unfathomable.

To allow us only 1 year to relocate is unreasonable.

Given that we will need to fundraise, find a location in the appropriately zoned area, and modify this location to suit our needs, we would require at least 2 years. This is a huge undertaking, with many moving parts which need to be accomplished in a specific or to be successful.

The home where our cats currently reside is very well cared for, and emits less odor than some other businesses in our city. We take great care to keep the building and surrounding property very clean and attractive. BUT – this would not be possible with the unrealistic limit of 2 volunteers per day. In order to attend to this concern and to care adequately for the cats residing on this property we require the assistance of many volunteers – some who are there for a few hours, some for a shorter time period or just to pick up/drop off animals or supplies. We are fortunate to have the support and assistance of many community members who sometimes drop off contributions. To limit the number of people in the house to 2 per day would be very irresponsible at best, but much more likely to result in neglect/abuse of the cats we are caring for.

Regarding the number of people who stop at our location in a day, I would like to point out that people who receive “Meals on Wheels” receive food deliveries up to 5 times per day. Many of our residents in Lethbridge have home care which comes to their residence multiple times a day. This is to say nothing of people who order groceries online or use a service like “Skip the Dishes”. Will we soon be limiting those people as arbitrarily?

As far as people parking in front of the neighbor’s home, I was wondering if someone from the city could explain to him that he doesn’t own the street. In a city where there is a large population of post secondary students and rental properties, many people are unable to park anywhere else. There are always people parked in front of my home, and not once have I called the city to complain.

I would ask that consideration be given to the amount that Last Chance Cat Ranch has given back to our community (with little to no support from the city), and I would like you to remove the Stop Order for the sake of the community and the welfare of animals in it.

Thank you for your time and attention in addressing this matter.

Sincerely,

Monica Baczuk  
55 Heritage Lane W,  
Lethbridge, AB  
T1K 7S4  
(403) 715-6150

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

**From:** [Haley Catton](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Cc:** [Blaine Hyggen](#); [Jeff Carlson](#); [Ryan Parker](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Last Chance Cat Ranch.  
**Date:** Monday, March 28, 2022 9:00:45 PM

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Hello David Sarsfield and cc'd Mayor Hyggen and Councillors.

My name is Haley Catton, I am a Lethbridge resident and taxpayer at 351 Caledonia Blvd W.

I am writing to you on behalf of the Last Chance Cat Ranch, specifically regarding the Stop Order that was issued.

I adopted 2 rescue cats from the Last Chance Cat Ranch (LCCR) in the past few years and have visited their intake house several times and was given a full tour by volunteers. I found the property to be clean and the cats inside very well cared for. Both of the cats I adopted were stray males found in the City of Lethbridge that LCCR caught, neutered and gave veterinary care until they were ready for adoption. Both cats are sweet innocent animals that are now living happy lives in my warm, safe home. Without LCCR, they would have lived horrible lives full of suffering, while making more unwanted cats in our city. Every stray cat the LCCR rescues and spays or neuters prevents future problems and expenses for our city.

The LCCR does important work in this city and they provide these services without the help of city taxpayer funds. In regards to the neighbour's complaints to the LCCR, while I don't agree with the complaints (recall I have visited the house as a prospective adopter), I understand the LCCR is planning to move locations regardless. **I am writing to request that you please work with LCCR to facilitate this move in a humane and gentle manner. The LCCR needs to keep caring for the cats in their intake house with the appropriate amount of food deliveries and volunteer access until their new location can be found.**

**These volunteer and food delivery limit orders need to be rescinded until the LCCR finds a new location. The LCCR may need more than 1 year to vacate their premises. Please show them some leniency as they work to find a long-term solution.**

The LCCR has done so much good work for the City of Lethbridge and the homeless and neglected cats in the city and surrounding areas. The need for animal rescue is ongoing. It is hard, heartbreaking work that this group of people does for free. Please treat the LCCR with respect and facilitate a positive outcome for this important charity, they are a true asset to our community.

Respectfully,

Haley Catton

351 Caledonia Blvd W

403-892-8397

**From:** [darrenrobertchristensen](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] LLCR  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 30, 2022 3:30:59 AM

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Hi, I would like the city to know that I support the LLCR. We adopted a cat from them, and Mia has given us great joy. The LLCR provides an important service and the city needs to support their work. Please allow them to stay in Lethbridge and offer to support their work by reducing their rent and assisting with food and collecting cats.

Regards,  
Darren Christensen  
475 Mt. Sunburst Crescent West  
Lethbridge, T1K2S6

Sent from my Galaxy

**From:** [Stephanie Dick](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Lethbridge Last Chance Cat Ranch  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 30, 2022 12:19:26 PM

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I am writing you on behalf of the Last Chance Cat Ranch, specifically the Stop Order that was issued.

The additional order of only 2 volunteers per day is arbitrary and grossly inadequate. This order is putting the cats in care in a neglectful situation as is the house itself. Two people cannot possibly manage what needs to be done. I honestly don't even understand how an order of this nature can be put into action in good conscience. These are VOLUNTEERS!; HELPING ABANDONED, NEGLECTED CATS, that the city clearly has no interest in helping. It is hard enough to get volunteers as it is. This order needs to be rescinded.

The additional order of food delivery every 7 days is also arbitrary and creates yet another layer of hardship as this organization strives to maintain the rescue. I don't understand what this order has to do with anything. It's fine for people to get Amazon deliveries daily in residential areas; what's the difference? This order needs to be rescinded.

I am deeply disturbed and disappointed in how this city has chosen to deal with this non-issue. The Last Chance Cat Ranch has operated out of that same location for 18 years. As a supporter it is difficult to comprehend why suddenly they are targeted and forced to vacate even if they are in violation of a bylaw. This should have been dealt with many, many years ago. They have done so much good work for the City of Lethbridge and the homeless and neglected cats in the city and surrounding areas. The city surely could find a way to help them. The measure of a city is reflected in how it treats its animals, elderly, and homeless.

Sincerely,  
Stephanie E Dick  
885 Red Crow Blvd W  
Lethbridge, Alberta  
T1K 5P5  
403-892-1826  
[dickse@post.com](mailto:dickse@post.com)

Sent from my Galaxy

**From:** [Stéphanie Gauthier](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] LCCR  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 29, 2022 4:43:31 PM

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The Last Chance Cat Ranch has operated out of that same location for going on 18 years. As a supporter it is difficult to comprehend why suddenly they are targeted and forced to vacate even if they are in violation of a bylaw. This should have been dealt with many, many years ago. They have done so much good work for the City of Lethbridge and the homeless and neglected cats in the city and surrounding areas. The city, surely could find a way to help them.

Stephanie Gauthier  
2715 Westside dr West  
Lethbridge  
T1J 4N1

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**From:** [Sandy Kreamer](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] stop order last chance cat ranch  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 30, 2022 4:55:35 AM

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Dear Sir,

This is a letter of appeal for the city to not go through with the Stop Order for the LCCR. These cats are taken care of and cleaned on a daily basis from several volunteers that spend their own time giving medications, food and comfort to cats that no one else will care for. Please dont go through with something that will result in these cats not being taken care of. They are not allowed to roam free in the neighbourhood. Many of these cats need special attention and meds several times a day and need more that 2 volunteers to take care of them. The city would be the cause of their suffering if they cant be taken care of properly.

This organization cares about the lives of these cats. Please do the same.

Sandy Kreamer  
1705 17 Ave. South  
Lethbridge AB  
T1K 1A7

**From:** [Ornela Malikova](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Last Chance Cat Ranch  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 29, 2022 8:29:30 PM

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To whom it may concern:

My name is Ornela Malikova and I've been a volunteer at the Last Chance Cat Ranch (LCCR) since 2018. Since being there, I have met lots of people with the same values and love for animals.

I can't fully express my disappointment at how the city handled the situation with the LCCR.

Putting the cats and the volunteers under so much pressure and stress is beyond my understanding. LCCR has been around for many years, and at one point in time the city even thanked LCCR for all the good things it has done over the years e.g. supporting the community, caring and housing the homeless, abandoned, and neglected cats. Where has the city been all these years if LCCR has been violating bylaws? Instead of helping to solve the problem with homeless cats in the city, the city is taking the LAST CHANCE from them, making it an even bigger problem, and punishing those who try to help the victims. You know that irresponsible owners are the ones who have created this problem in the first place, yet you fail again and again to punish those people for their neglect.

All we ask is to leave us alone and let us do our job...if you can't help the cat problem, at least let us do what we do best. You don't have to love cats, you don't even have to like them, but you have to respect people who care and help them.

I'm sure some of you have pets. Cats are just like us, they have feelings. I see them as part of my family. You can't imagine how hard it is for me to see these precious souls right now and realize that soon they will have nowhere to go. I apologize to them every time I see them because I feel so incredibly guilty that we, as a society, failed them.

What options do we have right now? Find a place to move? That's not easy. We will do our best to raise money for a new facility. But, please, help us to find a place since you put us in that position. We are volunteers. We don't get paid. The city owns many buildings in the city and perhaps they can provide us space in one of them?

I volunteer at the ranch once a week. If we have 2-3 people per shift, it still takes me 3-4hrs to complete everything and we are not playing or hanging out with the cats the whole time. We work. We feed. We clean...there is no way two people PER DAY can handle the load of the chores. We all have families, jobs, our own animals to care for and yet we still go, with our limited time and help the voiceless.

I used to volunteer at the humane society, and even there they needed people am and pm, and the more people that showed up the better. How come our rescue should be any different? Lots of volunteers that don't help in the house help with handling admin work/fundraisers/vet appointments. Do you know how hard it is to raise money to pay for those vet bills? Have you taken your pets to a vet clinic? If you did, you would know how expensive it can be. When

people abandon their sick pets, we cannot simply turn a blind eye to it because we are a group of people who have compassion for animals. All of our supporters are the same way. Maybe the city should be more concerned about irresponsible pet owners. If you knew how many people surrender/abandon their pets, you would be shocked. The city should encourage the nurture and care for animals since we know that disrespect, neglect, and abuse of animals is not a direction we want our city to go.

Please, let us continue helping the voiceless.

Everything in the letter is my personal opinion.

Sincerely, Ornela Malikova

**From:** [roetddy](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] LCCR staff, location, Lethbridge council decision  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 29, 2022 9:53:07 AM

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To David

As a resident of this city and area please remind the council that the person who moved into that neighborhood that the LCCR has been part of his neighborhood before he was. She has kept records of every type of communication he has made towards her and the staff.

I grew up in this area and if Elizabeth and the LCCR had not stepped up many people would not have their support animals for during covid-19. Would not have found their lost animals or any kind. She helped bring forward the NOKA to our community for all of Southern Alberta. To punish a Woman who is GOING thru chemo thru covid-19? ..

I would like to ask each person on council what they have done for the abandoned animals in Alberta in the last 30 years? How they have spoke up for the helpless?

Have they taken in animals? Have they done fundraisers? Been bullied? Had their home been threatened? Their life? Their house been broken into? Gave up meals to feed others? I don't see anyone on council speak up for any charity in this community any more. The person who moved into the neighborhood was told there was a rescue in the neighborhood and chose to move there anyway...to become a bully to that rescue says more about that person that it does the rescue..that you are siding with the bullying and abusing a rescue that helps cats all over Southern Alberta with donations..says a lot about you..the world is watching our city and once again...it does not look good..please step up and do the right thing ..step up for animals and for those who less fortunate then you for once instead of letting 1 bully who knew the situation when they moved into the neighborhood and continuously spread lies....

Rochelle Millward  
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Lethbridge AB.  
T1J2S3  
403-308-0708

Sent from my Galaxy

**From:** [Samantha Morgan](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] The Last Chance Cat Ranch  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 29, 2022 9:48:55 PM

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Hello,

I would like to voice my concerns about shutting down this rescue. This rescue has been in this house for 18 years, there has been no issue with it the that exact location. They take very good care of the cats, they are very clean and organized. The lives they have saved from the worst deaths out there is just immaculate. They are a no kill, non profit rescue, they volunteers, foster homes, and supporters rely on this place. It hasn't only saved cats they have saved many people from lonely lives with no animals. Whether they foster for them or they adopt without this rescue so many cats will die in the wild after being dumped out in the freezing cold or smoldering heat. They depend on these volunteers, and this rescue to help them even if they don't think it will come.

Don't shut them down, they are non profit, how can you feel okay in your own conscious mind knowing all these cats they have saved and would be saving will die all because you listen to one person who moves in almost 10 years after they were already there. They don't let the cats under their care wonder the neighborhood or streets.!

Thank you!!

Samantha Morgan  
426 25th St South  
Lethbridge Alberta  
T1J 3P3

Regarding: Development Enforcement Folder DEN00633

Dear Subdivision and Development Appeal Board,

This letter is submitted in support of accepting the appeal for Development Enforcement Folder DEN00633. The Folder references the Last Chance Cat Ranch (LCCR) and its use of a single-family dwelling in operating its network of animal foster households.

What does the LCCR do? They divert animals suitable for domestic habituation from the streets of Lethbridge and surrounding areas to private residences in Lethbridge and abroad. These same animals, living feral and wild at times, can negatively affect our community when left to their own devices. These animals can lower the appeal of current and developing neighbourhoods, effectively influencing property values in affected areas. The LCCR helps by redirecting these stray animals into contained homes. The LCCR helps to maintain the City's vitality while positively influencing the continued development of the City. What the LCCR does, in its current state, requires a high-level overview to be appreciated. The LCCR is not merely a charitable organization focused on the matching of cats with homes. The LCCR is a service to the City. It is helping to keep an under-addressed issue in check while supporting the continued development of our community.

To be successful, the LCCR leverages a network of compassionate individuals and organizations to ensure cats that have been previously neglected, abandoned, or abused receive the medical assistance and appropriate homes they need to survive. Their foster network is robust but relies on a central location to manage the network. The Stop Order on DEN00633 will severely hamper the LCCR's ability to manage that network, putting their services to the community at risk.

"Gateway to Opportunity" is the City's new action plan. Some of the Strategic Leadership points in this action plan are aligned with the LCCR. Let us consider the action to be Environmentally Responsible. The LCCR removes cats from an ecosystem they do not belong in. I am referencing strays and ferals who urinate, defecate, and in the worst cases expire and decompose in the City. These animals are not meant to be living in the streets of the City. The LCCR supports this vision of sustaining the natural environment of the City. For consideration next, let us address the action to Support the Region. The LCCR contributes to shared regional objectives in that they are doing much of the same work with the same goals as other animal organizations. These organizations include, but are not limited to, the Lethbridge Paw Society, the Windy City Canine Rescue, and Lethbridge's own Humane Society. Therefore, the City has a unique opportunity here to contribute towards shared regional objectives by allowing the appeal and reversing the Stop Order.

The current Land Use and Zoning bylaw was adopted on July 13, 2020 and in force as of September 1, 2020. No amendments were made to Section 12 of the Land Use and Zoning bylaw since the bylaw was adopted and in force. This is the same section that is cited in the Stop Order for DEN00633. The address of DEN00633 was found to be compliant and enforcement closed in July of 2021 (**Item A-1**). No changes to how the LCCR operates have been materially made since the time at which the enforcement was closed. No changes to the bylaw and no changes to the LCCR took place, but the City's position has changed. How are we as

residents of Lethbridge supposed to trust and respect the City's leadership when these unexplained reversals happen?

The Animal Welfare Committee is an Ad Hoc Committee of City Council. As I understand it, they administer funding programs on behalf of the City Council and provide advice to the Council. This Committee has acted with Council's support in funding the LCCR in its current state in more than one instance. I can reference several instances of City approved funding through a combination of the City's webpages and communication with City employees (**Items A-2 and A-3**). In May of 2017 the Committee approved funding for the LCCR to purchase food, litter, cat furnishings, and cleaning supplies to be utilized at the same address they have occupied for many years. In 2019 the Committee approved funding for the LCCR to purchase food, litter, and cat toys. In 2021 the Committee approved funding for the LCCR to purchase food. This was funding provided on advice of the Committee with support from the Council to be used at the address which received the Stop Order. The City was aware of the operations taking place at this address as early as 2017 based on this information, with potential knowledge dating back beyond this year. This is interpreted by your average person to be implicit support from Council for this organization to continue operations at the address detailed in the Stop Order.

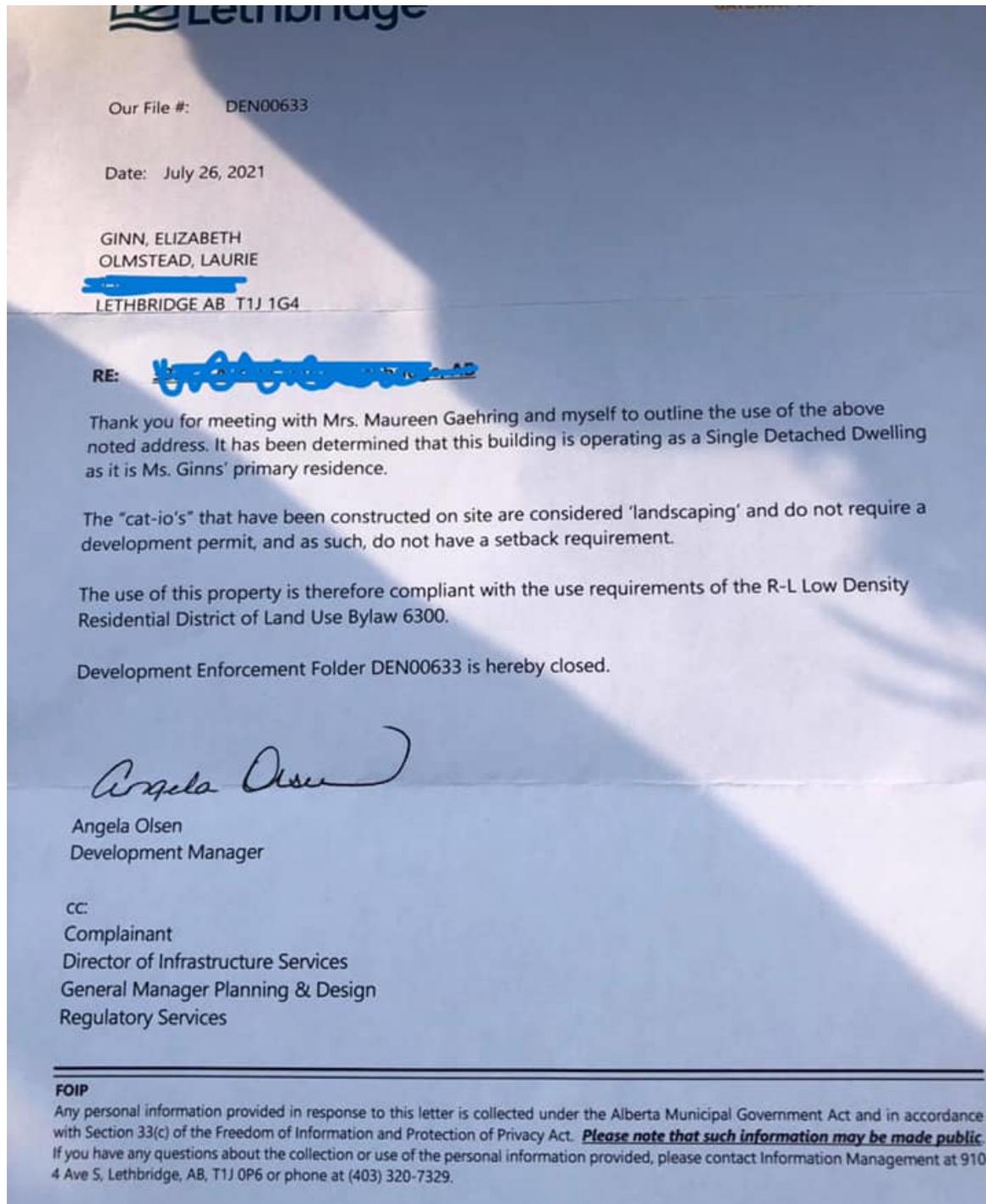
In conclusion, I am writing to encourage the City to **accept the appeal for DEN00633 in part, if not in whole**. I encourage this for two reasons. First, the services that the LCCR provide the community are ingrained in the City's identity and its network of pet owners. Second, past support and decisions from the City have been established, with the LCCR not materially changing its operation throughout those times of support and decisions. A reversal of the City's position on this matter in the form of a Stop Order will set a precedent in questioning the City's leadership when future decisions are made. If this Stop Order is upheld, it will show that the City can unilaterally make changes without consideration for historical decisions. There is no bylaw for you to follow regarding trust, but I trust you will prioritize the needs of our community.

Sincerely,

Colby Robertson  
1404 16 Avenue S  
Lethbridge, AB  
T1K 0Y5

Appendix A: Sources of Information

Item A-1



**Item A-2**

<https://www.lethbridge.ca/living-here/Animals-Wildlife/Pages/Animal-Welfare-Committee.aspx#:~:text=Funding%20for%20Animal%20Rescue%20Organizations,assistance%20for%20non%2Dveterinary%20costs.&text=Limitations%3A,%245%2C000%20per%20organizati on%20per%20year.>

**Item A-3**

3/7/22, 7:21 PM Gmail - Non Veterinary Grant Funding Distribution pre-2016

 Colby R <scjrrr@gmail.com>

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**Non Veterinary Grant Funding Distribution pre-2016**

**Sheri Merchant** <Sheri.Merchant@lethbridge.ca> Mon, Mar 7, 2022 at 9:56 AM  
 To: Colby R <scjrrr@gmail.com>  
 Cc: Dave Henley <Dave.Henley@lethbridge.ca>, David Sarsfield <David.Sarsfield@lethbridge.ca>

Good Morning,

Prior to 2016, there was no Grant Funding through the Animal Welfare committee. The wording on the website (2015-2018) is referring to the budget cycle. The funding was implemented in 2016 for City of Lethbridge rescues. (non-veterinarian funding initiative)

In 2019, more funding was made available to the general public wishing to assist with Feral Cat Colonies.

Below are the Approvals issued since May 2019:

**Non-Vet Funding (Rescues):**

2019 – Humane Society	\$5,000	Steel Cabinets
2019 – Last Chance Cat Ranch	\$2,500	Food, litter and cat toys
2019 – Windy City	\$2,500	Foster home training sessions and food
2020 – PAWS Society	\$5,000	Food
2021 – Prairie Pits	\$4049.03	Turf and Fencing
2021 – Last Chance Cat Ranch	\$5,000	Food
2022 – Nothing so far		

**Mitigate Feral Cat Colonies (general public):**

2019 – 2 separate applications approved (\$2805 + \$1780 = \$4585)  
 2020 – 1 application approved (\$5,000)  
 2021 – 4 separate applications approved (\$2296+1710+880+220=\$5106)  
 2022 – (so far) 2 separate applications approved (\$1087.25+1640 = \$2727.25)

<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/?ik=0a227cb0a0&view=pt&search=all&permmsgid=msg-f%3A1726660956805117057&siml=msg-f%3A1726660956805117057> 1/2

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3/7/22, 7:21 PM Gmail - Non Veterinary Grant Funding Distribution pre-2016

I hopes this helps in addressing your questions. I will also remind the individuals responsible for updating the website to do just that.

Take care,

*Sheri Merchant*  
 Bylaw Enforcement Officer  
 City of Lethbridge  
 403-320-3169  
[sheri.merchant@lethbridge.ca](mailto:sheri.merchant@lethbridge.ca)

**From:** [Katie Tyo](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Last Chance Cat Ranch Stop Order Appeal  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 30, 2022 3:23:39 PM

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Dear Mr. Sarsfield,

I am writing you regarding the Last Chance Cat Ranch's Stop Order Appeal and I hope you will forward my email to the Appeal Board.

I would like to extend my support to the Last Chance Cat Ranch (LCCR) and while I understand there may be a violation regarding the zoning of the property, they have operated there for many years with no issue.

I have personally been to the LCCR and the property is well maintained and I didn't notice any obnoxious odours coming from the property. If I hadn't been specifically invited to the LCCR I wouldn't even know it housed cats by walking by.

The current restrictions placed on the property in my opinion are ridiculous. Only allowed to have 2 volunteers a day when most other residential properties can have way more than that in a day doesn't even make sense. Where I currently live, I have a senior neighbour who has more than 2 visitors a day which can affect street parking but that is a part of living in a community.

The other part of this requirement is you are denying animals of crucial care they need and I would hope that our City would oppose the neglect of animals. I have 2 cats and I stop in to ensure they are ok and have everything they need multiple times a day to ensure they are receiving quality care. The same courtesy needs to be extended to the LCCR especially with the vulnerable cats within their care. The restriction on number of volunteers needs to be lifted.

The other restriction regarding food delivery needs to be reexamined, the LCCR operates on donations and may have the need to receive food more than once a week. Just in my daily life, I usually make 2 trips to the grocery store a week and being restricted to only once especially on something as essential as food, seems crazy. I understand wanting to limit traffic in the residential area but this needs to be re-examined.

I really hope you reconsider the limitations currently placed on the LCCR and are willing to work with them on finding a solution.

Sincerely,  
Katie Olfert  
1722 5A Ave. N.  
Lethbridge, AB  
T1H 0P9

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Ulana Baluk](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Last Chance Cat Ranch  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 30, 2022 11:25:01 AM

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Dear David Sarsfield,

My husband and I are writing to you on behalf of the Last Chance Cat Ranch, specifically the Stop Order that was issued. The Order of only two volunteers per day jeopardizes the health of the cats and does not provide sufficient time or resources to provide the care the cats require, especially those who need medications to aid their recovery from illness or deliberate injuries. This order needs to be rescinded.

The additional Order that limits food and litter deliveries to once per week also needs to be rescinded. The LCCR receives donations of food and these cannot be restricted to specific days of the week.

The LCCR has been in this location for almost 20 years. As longtime supporters of the LCCR, we do not understand why the organization was targeted recently. They do such incredible work in caring for abused, abandoned and injured cats in Lethbridge and surrounding communities.

Please find a way to help them continue to offer the much needed help to the cats. The LCCR relies on the kindness, generosity and goodwill of its volunteers. The LCCR home is tidy and the cats are well looked after, fed quality food and provided with the veterinary care they require. All cats are spayed and/or neutered prior to adoption in order to control the further growth of stray cat populations. The LCCR provides an invaluable service to Lethbridge.

Please help them to continue this important service and rescind these restrictive orders.

Thank you.

Michael Flynn and Ulana Baluk  
38 Elora Road  
Toronto, Ontario  
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**From:** [hopebauer](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] re: LCCR  
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Sir: I have been a staunch supporter of this wonderful organization and the many volunteers for several years from a distance (Ontario). I upsets me to no end that ONE person can influence a City Council to this extent with out and out lies! I have been to this house many times when visiting family in Alberta and am so proud of the way the cats are cared for and loved !! There is no way the two people going in once a day can give adequate care to the cats. To me it is ANIMAL ABUSE and NEGLECT. I am hoping the the Council will rethink this ruling .I am hoping that the appeal by the LCCR at the meeting Thursday night will not fall on deaf ears.

Hope Bauer 102- 5440 Drummond Road, Niagara Falls, Ontario L2G 4K9

**From:** [Robyn L. Chell](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Last Chance Cat Ranch - Letter to Appeals Board  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 30, 2022 1:28:23 PM

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Appeals Board,

We are writing to you on behalf of the Last Chance Cat Ranch, and specifically the Stop Order that was issued. The additional order of only two volunteers per day is grossly inadequate and actively endangers the lives of animals that require necessary care. Only allowing two volunteers per day means animals that require medical attention cannot receive care as prescribed, and also prevents necessary multiple feedings to animals that are in recovery from neglectful situations. Two people cannot possibly manage what needs to be done and also ensure proper maintenance of the house in the meantime. This order needs to be rescinded. The additional order of food delivery every 7 days is also arbitrary and creates yet another layer of hardship as this organization strives to maintain the rescue. This order also needs to be rescinded.

The Last Chance Cat Ranch has operated out of that same location for nearly 18 years. As a supporter it is difficult to comprehend why suddenly they are targeted and forced to vacate even if they are in violation of a bylaw. Its location doesn't impede on its neighbours and borders the industrial area. Why now? This should have been dealt with many, many years ago if there was any concern.

Having visited their location a few months ago and adopted a cat ourselves we know from experience the care and detail they go into ensuring their cats are looked after and placed into loving homes.

**This is not an organization that cuts corners or ever compromises in the level of care they give their animals. They operate under near-impossible financial conditions and do truly honorable work for the community.**

The house was immaculately presented to its surrounding area and many would envy having a neighbour who took care of their home's appearance in such a way. Furthermore, it was impossible for the cats within the rescue to roam free. During our visit we witnessed three volunteers simultaneously clean, feed and medicate animals and could see first hand the massive amount of work and effort that was required. It was amazing to see such a level of dedication. It concerns us that this would not be able to continue if less volunteers were permitted to attend. We have no doubt the order placed on them would be of great detriment to the cats and their wellbeing.

The Last Chance Cat Ranch has done so much good work for the City of Lethbridge and the homeless and neglected cats in surrounding areas. The city should and surely can find a way to help them. Please reconsider and rescind the orders placed against them.

*Robyn Chell & Ryan Neilson  
7412 20a Street, Calgary AB, T2C 0S2*

**From:** [Whitney Exton-Burwash](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Last Chance Cat Ranch  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 29, 2022 10:34:55 PM

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Hello,

I am writing on behalf of the Last Chance Cat Ranch regarding the Stop Order they were issued.

The additional order of only two volunteers per day is arbitrary and grossly inadequate. This order is putting the cats in care in a neglectful situation and the house itself. Two people cannot possibly manage what needs to be done. The additional order of food delivery every seven days is also arbitrary and creates yet another layer of hardship as this organization strives to maintain the rescue. I fail to understand why the order was suddenly issued and why the premises wasn't visited so Council could see that the property is maintained and the cats are cared for. This order needs to be rescinded.

The Last Chance Cat Ranch has operated out of this same location for going on 18 years. As a supporter it is difficult to comprehend why suddenly they are targeted and forced to vacate even if they are in violation of a bylaw. This should have been dealt with many, many years ago, and considering the incredible amount of good work LCCR has done for the City of Lethbridge and the homeless and neglected cats in the city and surrounding areas, it is appalling and shameful the City is considering halting this organization from continuing on. What will the City do with the hundreds of cats that will be without the supports they desperately need if they continue with the stop order for LCCR? This organization runs solely on volunteers and has struggled for years to get ongoing support without a dedicated shelter and ongoing abuse and neglect of cats in your city. I am confident Lethbridge can find a way to help LCCR continue operating to care for the city cats and stay compliant with the city bylaws.

Thank you,

Whitney Exton-Burwash  
26 Chestermere Crescent  
Sherwood Park, AB T8H 2S3

**From:** [Whitney Hyland](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Last Chance Cat Ranch Appeal  
**Date:** Thursday, March 31, 2022 9:39:27 AM

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City of Lethbridge Appeals Board:

I am writing to express my disappointment at how the situation with the Last Chance Cat Ranch is being handled. I adopted a cat from their organization three years ago and was impressed with the level of care they provided and their thorough adoption process.

I'd like to note how I ended up with my cat. A concerned citizen reached out to LCCR about a homeless cat in rough shape and they did not hesitate to take him in, provide him with veterinary care, and set him up with a foster family for post-surgery care. They are overwhelmed with many phone calls of this nature but they do their very best to keep up with the relentless demand for their services in Lethbridge. My cat was estimated to be 10 years old and he was terrified of humans. LCCR still took him in knowing he was not most people's ideal candidate for adoption and would likely require more time in a foster home than a younger, healthier cat would. I'm grateful every day they made this decision as my cat has been a source of pure joy and a wonderful companion once he learned to trust people again.

LCCR has a team of incredible and dedicated volunteers. The foster mom who was caring for my cat helped me every step of the way post-adoption and we developed a friendship that I cherish to this day. We both recently lost our mothers and found comfort and connection with each other. We were brought together by LCCR and both wholeheartedly support their continued efforts in the community.

The arbitrary restrictions imposed on LCCR, including the number of volunteers able to care for the cats each day is unethical and not logical. There are high needs cats that require medication at more frequent intervals than what is allowed under your restrictions and it is harmful if they cannot receive proper care and treatment. The complaints against them were unfounded as per the letter sent to them on July 26, 2021, and anyone can see that their property is in good condition. This must be revisited and reviewed by an impartial third party who can focus on the facts at hand.

Let's not forget that it is the City of Lethbridge's responsibility to address concerns such as stray animals. They do not have the resources to adequately do this as evidenced by LCCR taking on much of that responsibility while receiving no funding to do so. The sheer number of calls to LCCR shows a continuing problem in Lethbridge and surrounding areas. They have many cases of cats who are discarded, left to freeze to death, thrown from car windows onto the highway- the worst treatment of animals that you could imagine. They are doing the City's job for them and I cannot fathom how they are not supported and appreciated for stepping up when no one else will. It is shameful what they are being put through in order to keep providing services to the community, especially as they are all volunteers donating their time to your city.

I ask that you please consider the impact on the community if LCCR does not receive the support to continue their operations.

Sincerely,

Whitney Hyland  
206-27 Eversidge Square SW  
Calgary, Alberta T2Y 5J7

**From:** [Lynn-Cheryl Navratil](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Cc:** [Lynn-Cheryl Navratil](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Last Chance Cat Ranch Support Email  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 29, 2022 10:34:31 PM

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The Last Chance Cat Ranch in Lethbridge is a no-kill cat rescue that's been operational for nearly two decades and the recent Stop Order decision by the City of Lethbridge in regards to the LCCR is not only appalling but disheartening.

Please explain why after 18 years of operating as a rescue, the Last Chance Cat Ranch (LCCR) has now been served with a Stop Order and has also been told that the rescue is operating without proper zoning / permits. When did the City of Lethbridge make this change regarding the proper zoning / permits and why did the City of Lethbridge fail to notify the LCCR of this change. In regards to the land use By-Law, did the City of Lethbridge ever issue a ticket/fine for this by-law? Why now, after all these years is the LCCR in contravention of the landuse by-law?

Volunteer Issue - How does the City of Lethbridge even make the decision that a volunteer can only attend to the rescued animals @ the LCCR twice a day? Does an animal that needs medical attention only need it twice a day? Have you ever had a pet that only needed to be tended to twice a day? A rescued animal is no different than a human being needing medical care in the confines of their own home. What if your gov't told you that your loved one could only have a home care worker come in twice a day to administer care to your loved one and if those limits were met that would mean you couldn't stop by and attend to your loved one at all whether they needed medication, cleaning or not. You would never tolerate that type of decision when it came to the health or needs of your loved one so why should it be tolerated when it comes to an animal rescue? What other rescues have such ridiculous limitations put in place by a governing council?

What if your loved one needed food, or a mess cleaned up? Sorry, you dropped off supplies on Monday and now they will have to go without until the next Monday and that milk that was spilled on the floor will also have to wait because those are the rules...

Do you see how ridiculous the City of Lethbridge's decisions are? Did the City of Lethbridge even think it through? Good grief..

How does the neighbour, Joshua Russomanno even know that the house is not liveable? Has Joshua Russomanno ever been inside of the rescue? What proof does Joshua Russomanno have? If Joshua Russomanno had documentation such as pictures, has the City of Lethbridge confirmed that those pictures are in fact pictures of inside the LCCR? When did the City visit the rescue to confirm any documentation that Joshua Russomanno has provided? Did a City Inspector/ By-Law Officer visit and enter the premises of the LCCR regarding the complaints and /or violation of Joshua Russomanno? If, upon inspection, the City Inspector and or By-Law was of the opinion there is a violation of this By-law, was there a written notice served to the LCCR?

What business is it of Joshua Russomanno that a Catio has been built? The LCCR pays their taxes and it is personal property. How does this Catio interfere with the life of Joshua Russomanno? How does this impact his day? If the Catio wasn't an issue with the City of Lethbridge, then it is really none of Joshua Russomanno's business.

The LCCR volunteers not only spend their own money but also dedicate thousands of thankless hours to rescuing and rehabilitating cats who are neglected and abandoned throughout the City of Lethbridge and surrounding communities. If rescues such as the LCCR didn't exist, what would happen to these animals? Would the city step up and take care of them? Would the city be available 24/7/365? Does the City of Lethbridge have a plan in place to rescue and care for the sick, neglected, abused and abandoned cats if the rescue is unable to find a location in the allotted time frame? Has the city offered help in finding an affordable location?

The City of Lethbridge needs to show compassion for those animals that need our help so desperately. Please take the time to re-evaluate your decision and see the bigger picture. See the impact your decisions will have on the health and well-being of these cats. Be an example that other communities can look up to. Make decisions that residents can be proud of, not embarrassed or ashamed of. Take the initiative and work on a solution with the LCCR.

Regards,  
Cheryl Navratil  
1208 21A - Ave  
Coaldale, AB  
T1M1C5

**From:** [Brian R.](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External]  
**Date:** Thursday, March 31, 2022 7:52:20 AM

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Dear Subdivision and Development Appeal Board,

We recently heard of a disturbing event in the City of Lethbridge. We understand that the City has decided to take action against an animal rescue local to the community.

We write to you to implore you to reconsider the Stop Order that was issued to the Last Chance Cat Ranch (LCCR) according to file DEN00633.

This Stop Order restricts visitation by volunteers to merely 2 unique individuals per day. This is unrealistic given the special needs of some animals in their care. This restriction breeds neglect and is a direct order of the City. How can the City justify imposing neglect on these animals?

This stop order requires food delivery to be limited to once every 7 days. This is an arbitrary request. Are there not people in the City who have parcels, mail, and food delivered to their address each day? We understand that this restriction was put in place to limit traffic. However, it is absurdly inappropriate considering that the daily traffic that occurs at a typical single home dwelling can equal, and at times exceed, the traffic that occurs at the LCCR's address.

We wonder how an animal rescue that has operated in the City at the same address for over a decade can suddenly be treated so differently. Is there a personal agenda backing the City Council? It is difficult for us to understand why this is happening. We believe your community deserves transparency on the motivations behind this Stop Order.

We hope that the City will return to their previous supportive disposition. We firmly believe your community would benefit from the easing of one, if not all, restrictions imposed by the Stop Order on DEN00633. We encourage the Appeal Board to **accept the appeal for DEN00633.**

Sincerely,

Dorothy & Brian Robertson  
PO Box 924  
Carberry, MB

**From:** [Olga Here](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Last Chance Cat Ranch  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 30, 2022 7:53:11 PM

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"I am writing you on behalf of the Last Chance Cat Ranch, specifically the Stop Order that was issued.

The additional order of only 2 volunteers per day is arbitrary and grossly inadequate. This order is putting the cats in care in a neglectful situation as is the house itself. Two people cannot possibly manage what needs to be done. This order needs to be rescinded.

The additional order of food delivery every 7 days is also arbitrary and creates yet another layer of hardship as this organization strives to maintain the rescue. This order needs to be rescinded.

The Last Chance Cat Ranch has operated out of that same location for going on 18 years. As a supporter it is difficult to comprehend why suddenly they are targeted and forced to vacate even if they are in violation of a bylaw. This should have been dealt with many, many years ago. They have done so much good work for the City of Lethbridge and the homeless and neglected cats in the city and surrounding areas. The city, surely could find a way to help them."

Copied by:

Olga Sinclair 1834 - 14 Avenue North, Lethbridge, Alberta T1H 5J7

**From:** [Judith Snowdon](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Last Chance Cat Ranch  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 30, 2022 12:01:44 AM

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Councillors:

This is an easy decision for you to make. The benefits of having this rescue in your city far outweigh the complaints of one disgruntled tax payer.

Unsightly premises?

Good Heavens! You should hope all your taxpayers kept such beautiful landscaping and lawn care as the rescue does.

And, if anything, as adults and policy makers, you should be setting an example for the children in your city by showing them that kindness and compassion to animals and dedication to improve their lives is REWARDED and appreciated and that Last Chance Cat Ranch should be applauded for their efforts.

Please step up and do the right thing.

Let the Last Chance Cat Ranch continue to operate right where it is.

They speak for those who cannot. So should you.

Thank you.

Judith Snowdon  
Shadowbar Shepherds

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Amandah Valecourt](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Cc:** [valecourtamandah@gmail.com](mailto:valecourtamandah@gmail.com)  
**Subject:** [External] Last Chance Cat Ranch Lethbridge  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 30, 2022 11:57:05 AM

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Dear Mr. Sarsfield,

Thank you for taking the time to read my email. I am in support of the Last Chance Cat Ranch Lethbridge Rescue and would like you to take a moment to think about if this necessary organization did not exist. The City of Lethbridge would most likely have an over population of feral, abandoned, and neglected cats roaming your beautiful City.

Thanks again for your time.

Amandah Valecourt  
Suite 313, 19A Hemlock Crescent S.W.  
Calgary, Alberta T3C 2Z3  
Cell phone number (403) 200-0796

**From:** [Leonard and Cindy JEWELL](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Last Chance Cat Rescue  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 29, 2022 6:45:28 AM

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Good Morning

Why in the world are you going after this group? Have you gone into the facility? Have you driven by the outside?. Or are you just a bully with nothing better to do? Seriously. The city of Lethbridge should be ashamed of its self . For number one going after them and number two for not realizing you have an inhumane attitude towards the cat problem in your area.

With your ridiculous restraints of 2 volunteers per day, and food delivery only once a week you are putting these animals in danger. If they are indeed violating bylaws, why has it taken 18 YEARS to go after them?

Cindy Jewell

**From:** [Debbie Ogden](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Last Chance Cat Ranch  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 29, 2022 12:45:16 PM

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Hello David,

I am writing this email to let you know that I fully support LCCR in the work that they have provided for the city and surrounding towns.

It is very unfair how they are being treated by the city in regards to the recent restrictions they've been placed under.

I hope that Mayor and Council will take into account all the good that this organization does to help cats in need and rescind the recent restrictions.

Yours truly,  
Debbie Ogden  
587 370 4991

Sent from my Bell Samsung device over Canada's largest network.

**From:** [Tracy Stachiw](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Stop order on LCCR  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 30, 2022 10:33:15 AM

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Hi, I am writing to you regarding my concern with the stop order placed on Last Chance Cat Ranch intake house.

There was no due process for LCCR. City Committee and the one neighbor attended a meeting, after which the City issued a number of requirements that makes it virtually impossible to look after the cats in care. Other neighbors were not invited to the meeting nor were the neighbors interviewed. Representatives were not invited to the meeting. This is beyond heavy handed on the part of the City, and does not meet the Principle of Reasonableness on the part of the City. The City's appeal board needs to reverse the City's decision and require that the City take a more thorough review to really understand the good work that is being undertaken at LCCR, and the ability of volunteers to use public transportation to get to this location.

Do you not respect, and validate, life? Why only humans? These folks are doing a job, that the City of Lethbridge refuses to take on wholeheartedly.



Are you willing to take on the stray/feral cat population of Lethbridge, WITHOUT killing

them??

Have any of you visited the intake house?? This is what you consider "unsightly"? Shame on you

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

**From:** [Carla Whiteside](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Last Chance Cat Ranch  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 30, 2022 1:06:18 PM

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Hi there,

I am writing you on behalf of the Stop Order for the Last Chance Cat Ranch.

The additional order of only 2 volunteers per day is arbitrary and grossly inadequate. This order is putting the cats in care at the Last Chance Cat Ranch in a neglectful situation as is the house itself. Two people cannot possibly manage what needs to be done. This order needs to be rescinded!

The additional order of food delivery every 7 days is also arbitrary and creates yet another layer of hardship as this organization strives to maintain the rescue. This order must be rescinded. You are making things so difficult for an organization that has given so much to our city!

The Last Chance Cat Ranch has operated out of that same location for almost 18 years without issues. As a supporter i don't understand why suddenly they are being targeted and hatefully forced to vacate even if they are in violation of a bylaw. This should have been dealt with many years ago.

You are being very spiteful and unreasonable. I don't see the City Shelter offering the same services that the Last Chance Cat Ranch offers. Please let them continue to offer their current services in their current location.

They weren't even offered the option to be present at the meeting with the neighbor that made the inaccurate accusations and that was 100% very unfair! You should be ashamed at how you are running these processes. Everyone should have a say and an opportunity to speak.

They have done so much good work for the City of Lethbridge and the homeless and neglected cats in the city and surrounding areas. The City, surely could find a way to help them. I can't believe you are turning your backs on this God send of an organization that has done so much good in our city! All cats deserve a chance and if you close the Last Chance Cat Ranch, you are condemning a population of cats to death and you know it! Cats that only the Last Chance Cat Ranch would rescue.

Please stop and think and reconsider and let the Last Chance Cat Ranch remain in their current location so they can continue doing the amazing work they do, filling a niche in our city, rescuing homeless cats who sincerely have no other place to go and wouldn't continue to exist without intervention from the wonderful, dedicated people at the Last Chance Cat Ranch.

Sincerely,

Carla Whiteside  
Extremely Concerned citizen

**From:** [Tracy Wyman](#)  
**To:** [David Sarsfield](#)  
**Subject:** [External] In support of the LCCR  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 29, 2022 1:14:01 PM

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Regarding the Last Chance Cat Ranch.

I have heard that there is a lot of misinformation being spread about LCCR. Such as, the number of cats they are housing, the conditions at the house, and stray cats in the neighbourhood. If anyone would care to do their homework on this vital organization, they would find that the roaming cats people are complaining about are not the cats that have already been rescued and are lovingly cared for at the LCCR. No, they are the unfortunate creatures that this organization will take in and care for if given the chance to keep doing the good work they have always done at this house. LCCR does not allow their cats to roam free once they have been rescued. The house is very clean and beautifully kept by the tireless efforts of volunteers. The cats that live there are well taken care of and happily wait to be adopted. It is difficult to understand how the complaint of one individual can threaten an organization that has contributed to the community in such a positive way. Imagine the look on a child's face when they can choose their new furry friend and know they were instrumental in saving a cats life. That is the magic that happens with this organization over and over again. It would be impossible to put a number on how many people have been impacted in such a profound and joyful way by LCCR. How can this complaint even be considered serious by the City? I doubt the complaining neighbour has ever even come close to providing a service that gives such happiness to countless people in the community. I know I personally haven't, I wish I could say I have, but very few people other than Elizabeth Ginn and LCCR have actually succeeded in spreading that kind of happiness and joy. Think about the numerous people who are lonely or elderly that adopt one of these cats and now have a companion, maybe even a reason to live now that they have another creature to care for. I doubt anyone that opposes this much needed and wonderful organization can claim they have done that. LCCR needs to be supported by the City, not punished. They are a vital service and they should be allowed to continue to do their good work at the same location and in the same successful way they always have.

Please support LCCR.

Yours sincerely,  
Happy cat owner thanks to the LCCR.

Tracy Wyman

Sent from my iPad

APPEAL..MARCH 31<sup>ST</sup>,2022      CITY OF LETHBRIDGE

16:00 HRS                              COUNCIL CHAMBERS

INTRO: IN ABSENTIA, DUE TO THE SITUATION WITH THE FOUNDER OF THE LAST CHANCE CAT RANCH, I HAVE BEEN ASKED TO SPEAK ON BEHALF OF ELIZABETH M. GINN, WHO IS THE FOUNDER OF THE LAST CHANCE CAT RANCH AND OWNER OF THE PROPERTY AND HOUSE AT 3321-6 AVENUE SOUTH IN LETHBRIDGE, VIA PROXY:

“THE LAST CHANCE CAT RANCH IS AN ALBERTA SOCIETY, REGISTERED NOT FOR PROFIT CHARITY WITH REVENUE CANADA AND HAS OPERATED FOR THE PAST 17 YEARS AS A SAFE HAVEN FOR HOMELESS, INJURED, ABANDONED AND UNWANTED CATS.

OPERATED 100% AS A VOLUNTEER RESCUE ONLY WITH THE BEST INTERESTS OF RESCUED CATS AT THE FOREFRONT, WE HAVE PROVIDED A MUCH-NEEDED SERVICE TO LETHBRIDGE AND SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES BY TAKING IN OVER 4 000 CATS, VETTED, REHABILITATED AND PROVIDED HOMES FOR THEM. WE CURRENTLY HAVE 204 CATS IN RESCUE IN FOSTER HOMES.

THE PROPERTY UNDER JEOPARDY DUE TO THE COMPLAINT OF A NEIGHBOUR WAS SLANDERED, WITH VOLUNTEERS BEING HARRASSED, STALKED, SHOUTED AT, CALLED NAMES, LEAVING THEM WITH THREATS THAT INTERFERED WITH DAILY REQUIREMENTS TO FULFILL THE NEEDS OF VULNERABLE CATS.

AS THE FOUNDER OF LCCR I AM CURRENTLY IN EDMONTON RECEIVING TREATMENT FOR STAGE 4 TERMINAL METASTISIZED CANCER AND AM

NOT ABLE TO PRESENT THIS INFORMATION AS I AM NOT WELL ENOUGH TO TRAVEL.

OVER THE PAST 17 YEARS THE LAST CHANCE CAT RANCH HAS RAISED THROUGH FUNDRAISING AND DONATIONS OVER \$2 MILLION DOLLARS, SUBSIDIZING THE CITY OF LETHBRIDGE, COUNTY OF LETHBRIDGE AND 12 COMMUNITIES SURROUNDING LETHBRIDGE. THIS \$2 MILLION DOLLARS HAS BEEN INVESTED IN LOCAL BUSINESSES INCLUDING VETERINARY CLINICS, PET FOOD STORES, UFA AND OTHER SMALL BUSINESSES.

I AM REQUESTING THAT THE STOP ORDER BE REINDED AND THAT THE LAST CHANCE CAT RANCH CONTINUES AS IT WAS AND IS. IN OTHER WORDS, DROP THE ENTIRE MATTER. THERE ARE A LOT OF RESCUES THAT OPERATE OUT OF RESIDENTIAL AREAS IN LETHBRIDGE ALONE. WE RECEIVED A MESSAGE FROM ONE IN DARTMOUTH, NS THAT OPERATED FOR OVER 35 YEARS OUT OF A HOME AND THE CITY APPLAUDED THEM FOR WHAT THEY HAD DONE DURING THAT TIME. ALSO, POUND RESCUE IN OKOTOKS, AB FOR OVER 20 YEARS, THE MEOW FOUNDATION IN CALGARY FOR 25 YEARS, AND OTHERS IN LETHBRIDGE FOR OVER 20 YEARS. GUARANTEE THAT IF WE WERE TO DO A SURVEY THAT WE WOULD COME UP WITH MANY MORE.

THE FACT THAT ONE PERSON WAS GIVEN 1.5 HOURS OF ADMINISTRATIVE TIME WITHOUT THE AWARENESS OF THE MEETING TO LAST CHANCE CAT RANCH, WHO THEN THROUGH OBSERVING AND FOLLOWING ON VIDEO WHAT TOOK PLACE AT THAT MEETING, HEARING THE DEROGATORY COMMENTS AND MOCKERY DIRECTED TO US HAS LEFT US WITH QUESTIONS AS TO WHY WE WERE AN ACCEPTED TARGET BY THE CITY AND ANIMAL REGULATORY SERVICES. I CAN ONLY SUSPECT THAT IT HAD TO DO WITH PAST HISTORY WITH THE RELATIONSHIP THAT LCCR HAD WITH REGULATORY SERVICES SEEKING INFORMATION ABOUT OPERATIONS AT THE LETHBRIDGE ANIMAL SHELTER AND BEING DENIED

ANY INFORMATION. IT APPEARS THAT THERE ARE HIDDEN AGENDAS AND THAT THIS DEPARTMENT OF CITY OPERATIONS HAS TAKEN OPPORTUNITY TO ENGAGE IN FURTHER CEMENTING THEIR OBJECTIVE TO SEE THE TERMINATION OF LCCR OVERALL.

I HAVE WATCHED THE MEETING THAT WAS RECORDED ON MAY 26, 2021 THREE TIMES AND WAS SHOCKED THAT COMMENTS WERE MADE AS FOLLOWS: "WELL, WE CANNOT GET THEM ON UNSIGHTLY PREMISES, SO WHAT CAN WE GET THEM ON?" "A RIDICULOUS NUMBER OF CATS" (THERE WERE NOT 100 CATS IN THE HOUSE) THIS BEGS THE QUESTION OF BYLAW...WHEN THE MAYOR AND COUNCELLOR PARKER CAME TO THE HOUSE FOR A TOUR AND THEN TOLD US THE MATTER WAS NOT A CONCERN.

THE OVERALL FACT THAT FABRICATIONS, SLANDER AND LIABLE WERE EAGERLY RECEIVED BY THE CITY VIA THE SCP (STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE) LENDS ITSELF TO FURTHER CONCERNS.

RESPECTFULLY YOURS

ELIZABETH M. GINN

FOUNDER

THE LAST CHANCE CAT RANCH.

March 31, 2022

Dear Mr. Sarsfield –

I am asking that you please provide this letter to the Stop Order Appeal Board on my behalf. I am a volunteer with the Last Chance Cat Ranch (LCCR) and would like to address some of the past issues that I am certain the complainant will bring forth to the committee as justification for his relentless actions.

#### Incident #1

I was the driver who, in my efforts to back into the driveway of the Intake foster home, misguided the vehicle off and about 5 inches onto the grass. His sidewalk had not been shovelled thereby making it difficult to see the delineation of driveway and grass. Thankfully, according to the site map it appears this area is still our property and not that of the complainant. Please see attached photos and blueprint. To ensure future mishaps didn't occur a fence was built edging the driveway on the West, once the weather improved.

The complainant stated that damage had been done to his property and had created a 'dip' in the ground. The fact that the ground was frozen as it was winter making it highly unlikely that two wheels could have compressed the ground this much, doesn't seem to have surfaced in the statement.

The fact is, as you will note in the attached photos, the complainant has run a roof drainage and sump pump drainage underground alongside LCCR property line causing the integrity of the ground and adjoining driveway to be compromised. The drainage should have been channeled to the street or better yet through his backyard and into the alley.

#### Incident #2

I was on site at LCCR when an accident occurred to another volunteer's vehicle that was parked directly in front of the Intake foster home. A woman driving a rental car had rounded the corner by Mountain Minerals at such a speed that she took a wide curve which in turn caused her coffee to spill and, in her attempt to catch the cup of coffee she veered into the rear of the volunteer's vehicle. All this information is contained in the ensuing police report and not due to unsafe parking practices.

#### Incident #3

The complainant has been passionate in his efforts to vilify LCCR and its operation 'from the current location'. His constant surveillance of the property is unnerving at best and of concern that we are being targeted. His many accusations and outbursts created an atmosphere of having to walk on egg shells so as not to provoke the neighbour. Many efforts were made to keep the peace and very few altercations initiated by him were called into the police or the City, specifically when his actions escalated and became personal to volunteers. He trespassed our property on more than one occasion and this also was reported as it felt creepy to many who volunteer there.

He often speaks of his regard for LCCR and that he has a rescue dog that he has had for less than a year and two cats that came as a package with the girlfriend. Hardly a testament to caring deeply for animals. I believe he also recently began volunteering at the shelter which is convenient timing on his part.

In the end, we are left wondering why he holds such malice towards the LCCR. Might it be there is a subversive desire by the complainant to remove the foster home and acquire it for himself? Afterall, it is located in a truly desirable and high value area and both his mother and he are in the property acquisition and managing business. Self-serving many would say.

Thank you for your time and I trust that all submissions will be scrutinized and fairly judged.

Regards,

Esther Murillo

612 – 31 St. S.  
Lethbridge, T1J 3V3



**#3317 - 6 Ave S.  
drainage and sump pipes**

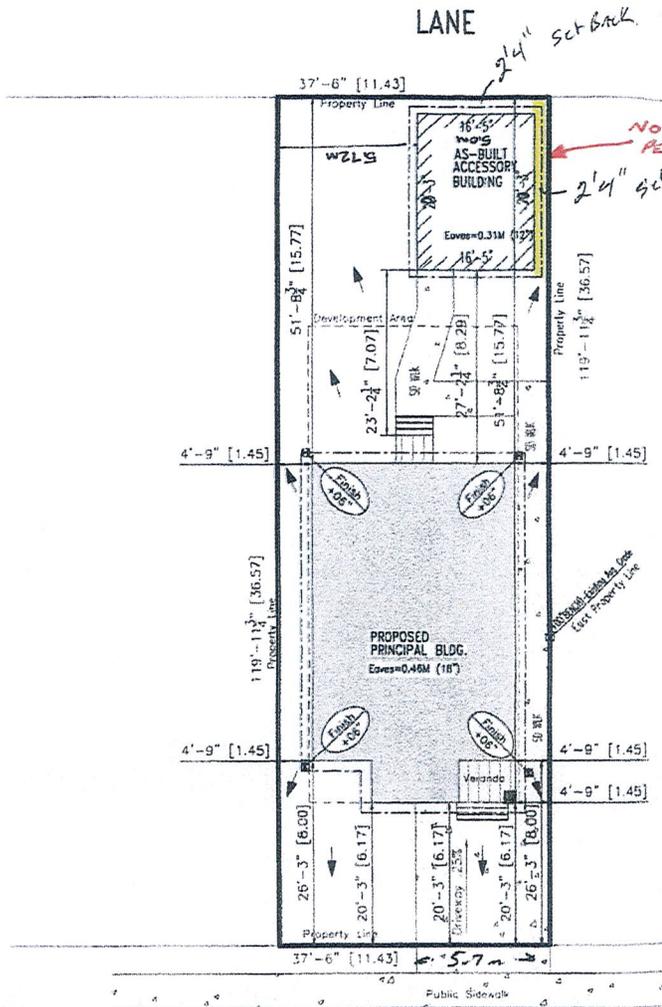


**#3317 - 6 Ave S.  
drainage and sump pipes**



**3321-6 Ave S.  
Retaining wall indicating  
property of LCCR**





**RECEIVED**  
 OCT 15 2014  
 DEVELOPMENT SERVICES  
 CITY OF LETHBRIDGE



**CITY OF Lethbridge**  
**APPROVED AS PER**  
**LAND USE BYLAW 5700**  
 OCT 17 2014  
 \* detached garage only  
 SIGNATURE: *[Signature]*  
 Parcel coverage 7.3%

**CITY OF Lethbridge**  
**EXAMINED**  
 DISCIPLINE: BUILDING  
 SAFETY CODES OFFICER: DARRIN HARSCH  
 CERTIFICATION NUMBER: S114787  
 SIGNATURE: *[Signature]*

OCT. 1, 2014  
**SKETCH SHOWING IMPROVEMENTS TO PROPERTY**  
 WORKING DRAWING - 11x17 PAPER  
 NOTE! Unless Otherwise Specified,  
 Dimensions Shown on this Sketch are from Foundation to Property Line  
 0 2 4 6 8 10 20  
 SCALE=1:200

Lot: 30 & E. HALF OF LOT 31 Block: 22 Plan: 3529 A.A. Address: 3321 6 AVE. S Municipality: LETHBRIDGE, AB. Zone: R-1 LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL LANDUSE BYLAW 5700 Arch Control: IN FILL	
<b>PRINCIPAL COVERAGE</b> Lot Area: 417.8 M <sup>2</sup> /4,497 FT <sup>2</sup>	
Principal Building: 1,248 FT <sup>2</sup> Attached Garage: - Veranda: 48 FT <sup>2</sup> Covered Deck: - Total Coverage: 1,296 FT <sup>2</sup> % of Coverage: 28.8%	
<b>ACCESSORY COVERAGE</b> Total Coverage: 366 ft <sup>2</sup> % of Coverage: 8%	
<b>FOOTING NOTES</b> • Elevations are Referenced with Datumline • All Footings are Referenced to the U/S of Footing • See Page 11 for Footing Specifications	
House Footing:	Fig. 1 = -42"
<b>TOP OF FLOOR</b>	
Main 1/5 Main Floor +36.75	1/5 Upper Flr. 000.00 (+00) (Architectural Floor Reference) Geodetic Floor Elevation
<b>FINISH GRADE MARK</b> Geodetic Metric Elevation Finish Grade = 000.00 Architectural Finish Grade in Inches Referenced From Benchmark Specified: +00"	
<b>LEGEND</b> Property Line Development Area Building Outline Roof Overhang Calculable Street or Driveway U.R./W. Fence Line Driveway Location Street Light Hydrant Transformer Telle	
<b>GRADE NOTES</b> • The information Contained within this Siteplan is Based on Construction Design Information. All Lot Grading and Sanitary Sewer Inverts Should be Field Confirmed Prior to Any on Site Development. • 10% Slope for the First 2.0M (6'6") Away from Foundation • 2% Slope on Remainder of Lot to Property Line • Driveways Min. 4% Slope, Max. 7.5% Slope • Walkways Min. 2% Slope, Max. 10% Slope • Roof Drainage Should Discharge on a Approved Splash Pad Set @ Min.10% Slope, 2.0M Away	
Price Consultant  ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN CONSULTANTS 2000-10th Street Lethbridge, AB T1V 1V1 403-238-1234 mack@macpac.com	General Contractor Howard Brown Construction & Roofing Ltd. 1-34-14-B Sheet No. 1

# Tax Full

## Tax Year - Tax Amount \$3,116.00

<b>Linc #:</b>	<b>Address:</b> 3321 6 AVE S	<b>Tax Amount:</b> \$3,116.00
<b>Meridian:</b>	<b>County:</b>	<b>Tax Year:</b>
<b>Range:</b>	<b>Subdv:</b>	<b>Tax Assessment:</b>
<b>Township:</b>	<b>Assess Code:</b>	<b>Tax Roll #:</b> 12060332100C
<b>Section:</b>	<b>Unit Factor:</b>	<b>Plan #:</b> 3529AA
<b>Quarter:</b>		<b>Tax Block:</b> 22
<b>Legal Desc:</b> PLAN 3529AA BLOCK 22 LOT 30 AND THE EAST HALF OF LOT 31		<b>Lot/Unit#:</b> 30,31

### LAND & BUILDING INFORMATION

<b>Lot Area:</b> 4497.00	<b>Lot Frontage:</b>	<b>Bldg Area:</b>
<b>Lot Units:</b> m	<b>Lot Depth:</b>	<b>Bldg Units:</b>
<b>Zoning:</b> R-L		<b>Year Built:</b> 2014

### CONDO INFORMATION

<b>Reg Size:</b>	<b>Reg Size Inc:</b>	<b>Reg Size Units:</b> M
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We, The Last Chance Cat Ranch, of 3321 6 Ave S, in the city of Lethbridge, are the promoter of this petition which contains \_\_\_\_\_ signatures.

**PETITION IN RELATION TO THE STOP ORDER**

**For Contravention of Section 12 of Land Use Bylaw 6300, Animal Care Major**

We, the undersigned residents of Lethbridge and surrounding communities, are opposed to the Stop Order, in relation to the following listed orders within it.

1. Immediately upon being served this Order:
  - a. Limit the number of volunteers attending at the premises to no more than 2 per day.
  - b. Limit the delivery of food to no more than once per 7 days.
2. Within 30 days of being served this Order:
  - a. Cease all emissions of offensive odours entering neighbouring properties, or within 20 days of being served with this Order, provide a plan, acceptable to the Development Officer for addressing offensive odours.
  - b. Remove all advertisements and references to Premises from the LCCR website and social media platforms.

Your petitioners, therefore, respectfully request the removal and immediate discontinuation of the above listed orders, within the Stop Order for Contravention of Section 12 of Land Use Bylaw 6300, in full.

DATE:		MAIN HOUSE NOTE: TWO SIDED				
VOLUNTEERS		AM		PM		
NAME:	IN:	OUT:	IN:	OUT:		
NAME:	IN:	OUT:	IN:	OUT:		
NAME:	IN:	OUT:	IN:	OUT:		
NAME:	IN:	OUT:	IN:	OUT:		
					AM	PM
WELLNESS CHECK	AM & PM	WALK THROUGH THE ENTIRE HOUSE AND CHECK ALL THE CATS. PHOTOGRAPH ANY PUKE, DIARRHEA, ETC AND POST TO INTAKE HOUSE GROUP WITH NOTES ... LEADING WITH CATS NAME AND MEDICAL, THEN YOUR OBSERVATIONS. TAG ELIZABETH GINN AND LAURIE OLMSTEAD.				
PROTOCOL TAB	AM & PM	CHECK THE PROTOCOL TAB FOR ANY CHANGES OR NEW PROCEDURES				
START DISHWASHER	AM & PM	GATHER ANY DIRTY DISHES, RINSE, LOAD INTO DISHWASHER. START DISHWASHER IF IT IS OVER HALF FULL.				
LAUNDRY	AM & PM	CHECK IF THERE IS LAUNDRY NEEDING TO BE WASHED, DRIED OR FOLDED. START WASHING MACHINE IF THERE IS A LOAD TO BE DONE.				
MEDICATIONS	AM & PM	SEE WHITEBOARD ON NORTH KITCHEN WALL FOR LIST OF CATS ON MEDS. MEDS WILL BE IN A BASKET ON THE SHELF WITH CAT'S NAME.SEE MED BINDER FOR DETAILS. MED BINDER (BLACK) IS ON TOP OF FRIDGE. RECORD ALL MEDS GIVEN ON CAT'S MED SHEET.				
FEED WET FOOD	AM & PM	FEED WET FOOD. MIX 1 CAN MERRICK WITH 2 CANS FANCY FEAST OR 1 CAN ALMO WITH ONE CAN FANCY FEAST. MIX "LIKE" FLAVOURS. ADD WATER IF NEEDED. GIVE EACH CAT 2 TABLESPOONS. EACH CAT GETS THEIR OWN PLATE. LEAVE OUT A FEW PLATES WHEN YOU LEAVE FOR THE SHY CATS.				
FEED DRY FOOD	AM & PM	REPLENISH DRY FOOD BOWLS ON FLOOR, MAKING SURE OLD FOOD GOES ON TOP OF NEW FOOD.ONLY FILL ONE HALF FULL. DRY FOOD BUCKET REFILLED FROM BIN IN PANTRY.				
FRESH WATER	AM & PM	EMPTY WATER DISHES, WIPE WITH PAPER TOWEL AND REFILL WITH FRESH WATER. REPLENISH WATER FOUNTAINS.				
SCOOP LITTERS	AM & PM	SCOOP SOLIDS AND USE GARBAGE CAN IN BATHROOM FOR DISPOSAL OF SOLIDS. CLEAN LITTER SCOOP WHEN DONE. SPRINKLE LAYERS OF BAKING SODA BETWEEN LAYERS OF LITTER.				
SIFT LITTERS	AM & PM	SIFTERS KEPT ON TOP OF CRATE IN BATHROOM. INTAKE ROOM HAS THEIR OWN EQUIPMENT. SIFT LITTER BOXES, TIE BAG TIGHTLY AND PLACE IN GARBAGE BINS ON DRIVEWAY. TOP UP PELLETS AS REQUIRED, NOT MORE THAN 1"DEPTH. PELLETS STORED IN METAL SHED.				
MOP	AM OR PM	MOP FLOORS. ISO ROOM HAS ITS OWN MOP.				
VACUUM/SWEEP	AM & PM	MOVE LITTER BOXES AND VACCUUM UNDER THEM AND ALONG WALL BEHIND THEM.				

<b>GENERAL</b>	<b>AM &amp; PM</b>	ALL COUNTERS, DESK, OTHER SURFACES, WIPE DOWN SPRAY MARKS ON WALLS AND FURNITURE WITH PINK SOLUTION. CLEAN BATHROOM AND KITCHEN SINKS.		
<b>CHECK BEDS</b>	<b>AM &amp; PM</b>	CHECK BEDS FOR SOILING. PLACE SOILED BEDDING IN LAUNDRY HAMPER. LAUNDRY IF NEEDED.		
<b>LAUNDRY</b>	<b>AS NEEDED</b>	START THE WASHER AS SOON AS YOU HAVE A FULL LOAD. CLEAN DRYER FILTER AFTER EVERY LOAD. FOLD AND PUT AWAY NEATLY. DO NOT LEAVE WASHER AND DRYER RUNNING WHEN NO ONE IN THE HOUSE.		
<b>CAT TREES</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>	VACUUM ALL CARPETED CAT TREES AND STRUCTURES		
<b>DRY FOOD AND WATER BOWLS</b>	<b>TUESDAY THURSDAY SATURDAY</b>	REPLACE ALL DRY FOOD AND WATER BOWLS ON FLOOR AND IN CRATES		
<b>CRATES</b>				
<b>DRY FOOD</b>	<b>AM &amp; PM</b>	FEED ¼ CUP. PUT OLD FOOD ON TOP OF NEW FOOD.		
<b>WET FOOD</b>	<b>AM &amp; PM</b>	GIVE 2 TABLESPOONS INITIALLY THEN MORE WHEN THAT IS EATEN		
<b>WATER</b>	<b>AM &amp; PM</b>	EMPTY OLD WATER, WIPE WITH PAPER TOWEL. REFILL.		
<b>SIFT &amp; SCOOP LITTERS</b>	<b>AM &amp; PM</b>	CRATED CATS HAVE OWN MINI SIFTER AND SCOOP ON TOP OF THEIR CRATES OR UNDERNEATH. ONCE VETTED THEY NO LONGER NEED OWN EQUIPMENT. INFO CAN BE FOUND ON THEIR CHART ON CLIPBOARD ON THEIR CRATE.		
<b>CLEAN CRATES</b>	<b>AM &amp; PM</b>	SHAKE LITTER, ETC OFF BEDDING. REPLACE ONLY IF SOILED. WIPE OFF KARUNDAS. WASH FLOOR IF SOILED		
<b>OUTSIDE FOOD AND WATER BOWLS</b>				
<b>DRY FOOD WATER</b>	<b>AM &amp; PM</b>	DRY FOOD KEPT IN BUCKET BY FRONT DOOR. REPLENISH WITH DONATED FOOD KEPT IN FOSTER CUPBOARD.		
<b>UPDATE</b>	<b>AM &amp; PM</b>	POST A BRIEF UPDATE ON HOW THE CATS ARE DOING. TAG ELIZABETH GINN AND LAURIE OLMSTEAD		
<b>SHOVEL</b>	<b>AS NEEDED</b>	SHOVEL FRONT AND SIDE SIDEWALKS IF YOU ARE UP TO IT. APPLY DEICER AS NEEDED.		
<b>WATER</b>	<b>AS NEEDED</b>	WATER FLOWER POTS AND SHRUBBERY AS NEEDED;		
<b>WEEKLY CLEANING</b>				
<b>MAIN HOUSE</b>	<b>SUNDAY</b>	LAUNDRY, CHANGE OUT LITTER PANS, WIPE DOWN KARUNDAS, CLEAN FOUNTAINS, CHANGE FILTER LAST SUNDAY OF MONTH		
<b>INTAKE ROOM</b>	<b>MONDAY</b>	LAUNDRY, CHANGE OUT LITTER PANS.		
<b>BACK ROOM</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	LAUNDRY, CHANGE OUT LITTER PANS, WIPE DOWN KARUNDAS, CLEAN FOUNTAINS. REPLACE FILTERS LAST WEDNESDAY OF MONTH.		

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**SANCTUARY NOTE: TWO SIDED**

VOLUNTEERS:	AM			PM				
NAME:	IN:	OUT:	NAME:	IN:	OUT:	INITIAL		
NAME:	IN:	OUT:	NAME:	IN:	OUT:	AM	PM	
			CLOSE OUTER DOOR BEFORE YOU OPEN SANCTUARY DOOR! CLOSE SANCTUARY DOOR ON WAY OUT BEFORE YOU OPEN OUTER DOOR. AT NO TIME IS OUTER DOOR TO BE LEFT OPEN, EVEN FOR A SECOND. WE MUSTN'T HAVE AN ESCAPE AND IT HAPPENS VERY QUICKLY.					
			IF YOU ARE ASSIGNED TO THE SANCTUARY, IT SHOULD BE THE FIRST THING YOU DO WHEN YOU ARRIVE FOR YOUR SHIFT. DON'T INTERACT WITH ANY CATS IN THE MAIN HOUSE PRIOR TO HEADING OUT TO THE SANCTUARY. IF YOU DO, PLEASE WASH YOUR HANDS WELL BEFORE GOING TO THE SANCTUARY. IF THERE IS ONLY ONE PERSON WORKING IN THE HOUSE, ANY HELP YOU CAN GIVE THEM WILL BE APPRECIATED.					
SUPPLIES NEEDED			THERE ARE TWO BINS IN THE PANTRY FOR YOU TO USE TO CARRY SUPPLIES TO THE SANCTUARY. THE SANCTUARY HAS ITS OWN SET OF DRY FOOD DISHES... 4 BRIGHTLY COLOURED SILICONE PLATES, A CLEAR PIE PLATE AND A WHITE PIE PLATE. WATER BOWLS ARE IN THE MEDIUM BOWL CUPBOARD. YOU WILL NEED 3. YOU WILL NEED ABOUT 15 PLATES FOR WET FOOD AND SPOONS/FORKS.					
WELLNESS CHECK	AM & PM		WALK THROUGH THE SANCTUARY AND CHECK ALL THE CATS. IF ANY CATS LOOK UNWELL, POST TO INTAKE HOUSE GROUP WITH NOTES LEADING WITH THE CAT'S NAME AND MEDICAL. THEN YOUR OBSERVATIONS AND PHOTOGRAPHS IF RELEVANT. TAG ELIZABETH AND LAURIE					
PROTOCOL TAB	AM & PM		CHECK THE PROTOCOL TAB FOR ANY CHANGES OR NEW PROTOCOLS OR PROCEDURES					
HEAT WINTER	AM & PM		CHECK THAT HEAT IS ON AND COMFORTABLE TEMPERATURE. PAY ATTENTION TO THE WEATHER. DO NOT ADJUST THE HEATER. IF ANY PROBLEMS ARISE, NOTIFY ESTHER MURILLO. NUMBER ON WHITEBOARD BY SANCTUARY DOOR.					
HEAT SUMMER	AM & PM		PAY ATTENTION TO THE WEATHER. TURN ON AIR CONDITIONER DURING THE DAY IN THE SUMMER. MOST NIGHTS, IT CAN BE TURNED OFF AND THE WINDOWS OPENED					
FEED WET FOOD	AM & PM		FEED WET FOOD AS PER GUIDELINES ON NORTH WALL BY THE WALL UNIT. EACH CAT GETS THEIR OWN PLATE. LEAVE APPROXIMATELY 3 PLATES FOR SHY CATS ( ESPECIALLY CHLOE AND ORACLE) WHEN YOU LEAVE					
MEDS	AM & PM		SEE WHITEBOARD ABOVE DESK FOR LIST OF CATS ON MEDS. MEDS WILL BE IN A BASKET WITH CAT'S NAME ON SHELF ABOVE DESK. RECORD ALL MEDS GIVEN ON CAT'S MED SHEET LOCATED IN THE FRONT OF THE VOLUNTEER BINDER					
DRY FOOD	AM & PM		REPLENISH DRY FOOD BOWLS IN CRATES AND ON FLOOR. FRESH FOOD GOES ON THE BOTTOM OF THE BOWL TOPPED WITH OLDER FOOD. ABOUT ONE HALF FULL. DON'T MIX FOOD FROM CRATED CATS WITH THE GENERAL FOOD BOWLS.					
FRESH WATER CRATES	AM & PM		SWAP OUT OLD WATER BOWLS FOR CLEAN ONES. REFILL WITH FRESH WATER					
FRESH WATER GERERAL	AM & PM		EMPTY WATER DISHES, WIPE WITH PAPER TOWEL AND REFILL WITH FRESH WATER. TOP UP WATER FOUNTAINS.					
WATER AND DRY FOOD BOWLS	MONDAY WEDNESDAY FRIDAY AM		REPLACE ALL WATER AND DRY FOOD BOWLS IN CRATES AND ON FLOOR. REPLACE OUTSIDE FOOD BOWL BESIDE SANCTUARY. REPLACE OUTSIDE WATER BOWL (SUMMER). CLEAN HEATED WATER BOWL (WINTER)					
WATER JUG	AM & PM		TOP UP WATER JUG IF IT'S LESS THAN 1/3 FULL. YOU CAN USE THE SMALLER BLUE JUG UNDER THE DESK. FILL FROM OUTSIDE TAP BESIDE ISO CATIO (IF HOSE IS CONNECTED, RUN UNTIL COOL FIRST)					
CLEAN CRATES	AM (& PM IF NEEDED)		SHAKE LITTER ETC OFF OF BEDDING. REPLACE BEDDING IF SOILED. WIPE OFF KARUNDA BEDS. WASH THE FLOOR OF THE CRATE.					

SCOOP/SIFT LITTER CRATED CATS	AM & PM	CRATED CATS. USE SEPARATE SCOOPS/SIFTERS FOR CRATED CATS. SCOOPS WILL BE IN A PLASTIC BAG TIED TO THE CRATE OR WITH A SMALL SIFTER ON TOP OF THEIR CRATE.	Page 422	
SCOOP LITTER GENERAL	AM & PM	SCOOP SOLIDS.		
SIFT LITTER GENERAL	PM ONLY	SIFT LITTER BOXES. CLOSE BAG TIGHT (SO IT DOESN'T SPILL IN THE BIN) AND PLACE IN GARBAGE BIN ON THE DRIVEWAY. TOP UP PELLETS IN LITTER BOXES IF REQUIRED - NOT MORE THAN 1" OF PELLETS. TOP UP LITTER BINS WITH PELLET LITTER FROM OUTSIDE LITTER SHED.		
CATIOS	AM & PM	SCOOP LITTERS. TAKE TRASH TO THE GARBAGE. REPLACE GARBAGE BAG. REPLENISH SUPPLIES OF LITTER (CLAY, NATURE'S MIRACLE, OR OTHER), GARBAGE BAGS, ETC. ADD WATER TO FOUNTAININS IN THE SUMMER SANCTUARY VOLUNTEERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL 3 CATIOS		
VACUUM	AM & PM	MOVE LITTER BOXES AND VACUUM UNDER THEM AND ALONG WALL BEHIND THEM		
GENERAL	AS NEEDED	WIPE DOWN COFFEE TABLE, OTHER TABLES		
CHECK BEDS	AM & PM	CHECK BEDS ON TOP OF CRATES, COUCHES FOR SOILING. LAUNDRY IF NEEDED.		
BEDDING	AS NEEDED	PUT ANY SOILED BEDDING IN THE BLUE TOTE LABELLED DIRTY LAUNDRY. DO A LOAD OF LAUNDRY ON FRIDAY OR SOONER IF TOTE IS FULL. RETURN CLEAN LAUNDRY TO THE WALL UNIT IN THE GARAGE. DO NOT MIX SANCTUARY LAUNDRY OR BEDDING WITH THAT FROM THE HOUSE. DO NOT LEAVE WASHER OR DRYER ON WHEN THERE IS NO ONE IN THE HOUSE.		
CAT TREES	MONDAY AM	VACUUM ALL CARPETED CAT TREES AND STRUCTURES		
TOP UP SUPPLIES	AM & PM	TOP UP ANY SUPPLIES THAT ARE GETTING LOW: PAPER TOWEL, GLOVES, GARBAGE BAGS, PINK SOLUTION.		
UPDATE	AM& PM	POST A BRIEF UPDATE ON HOW THE CATS ARE DOING. TAG ELIZABETH GINN		
OUTSIDE FOOD AND WATER	AM & PM	TOP UP DRY FOOD IN OUTSIDE FOOD DISH. FOOD CONTAINER IS JUST OUTSIDE SANCTUARY DOOR. USE FOOD FOR OUTSIDE CATS IN FOSTER CLOSET TO REFILL CONTAINER. TOP UP WATER BOWLS		
SHOVEL	AS NEEDED	SHOVEL BACK AND SIDE SIDEWALKS IF YOU ARE UP TO IT		
WEEKLY CLEANING	FRIDAY AM	LAUNDRY, LITTER PANS, WATER FOUNTAIN		
WEEKLY CLEANING	SUNDAY AM	DEEP CLEAN CATIOS (WEATHER PERMITTING)		

NOTES:

We, are The Last Chance Cat Ranch in Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada, and have operated in our current location for 18 years. We are a NO Kill rescue that saves the neglected, homeless, abused, abandoned, throw away and forgotten, feral and stray cats in our city and surrounding communities. After all these years and all that we have contributed and helped with in regards to the cat problem here, the City of Lethbridge has issued a **Stop Order** against us, stating we violate the land use bylaw.

We have one year to vacate the property and cease operations at our current location. A place, where we have been for so long and where some of our sanctuary cats call home - safe, comfortable, and finally trusting humans.

Additionally, they have added restrictions within the Stop Order. Limiting us to no more than 2 volunteers per day; limiting the food delivery to no more than once per 7 days; .... We **CANNOT** properly care for our rescues with these restrictions!! Our cats that we worked so hard to save, pouring our hearts and souls in to and filling them up with kindness, trust and love, **WILL** ultimately be the ones who suffer!! Some will be stressed; some won't get their required medications on time; some will not get their required small meals multiple times a day, after being rescued emaciated. We will not be able to maintain the property during this year, or give the care and love that is so needed in rescue, if these restrictions remain ... **PLEASE HELP US.**

We are an entirely volunteer run rescue. We fundraise for every penny to pay vet bills and provide for the cats - through way of bottle drives, bake sales, craft sales, raffles, etc. Please sign our petition in support, to immediately have these harsh restrictions removed, so we can continue caring for our rescues - the way they should be and the way

they deserve to be - over the course of the next year, while we work through this difficult situation.

**THANK-YOU** for your support!!

**PEACE and LOVE** to all of you!!