



Dear Personnel Committee:

My name is Amanda DeValk and I am a Police Officer for the City of Manitowoc. I have been working for the department a year and a half. I'm writing you, requesting to be waived from the residency requirements upheld by the current contract. I have been given the opportunity to purchase a property from a friend of my family. The property includes a house, a barn, and 25 acres. The property is 5.5 miles outside of Manitowoc County and is located in Kewaunee County.

The furthest distance in Manitowoc County from the Police Department is 23.5 miles. The property I wish to purchase is 22.5 miles from the Police Department and the commute to work would be approximately 35 minutes. The property is no further from the Police Department than an area within Manitowoc County which I would be allowed to live under the current contract. I understand that my commute time would change due to poor weather conditions and I would plan accordingly so that I would not be late for work. I also understand that throughout my career, I will be called to work for emergency situations and a quick arrival time will be important.

Also the property in question is 18.8 miles from the Manitowoc City limits. The Fire Department's contract states, in Article 25, that Firefighters shall establish their primary residence within 25 miles of the City of Manitowoc limits. It has been discussed that the Police Department Union will address a similar change to the Police contract during upcoming negotiations. If a similar Article is applied to the Police contract, the property I wish to purchase would be within the allotted 25 mile radius.

I enjoy working for the City of Manitowoc and foresee a successful career with the Police Department. The property I would like to purchase will be a positive starting point to begin my life and will allow me to establish my career with the City of Manitowoc. I have my heart set on the property. I picture myself being able to call the property my home. I have plans to improve the property and have no doubt that I will spend the rest of my life there. I appreciate your consideration to this request.

I can be available for your next agenda meeting on September 8th if you have any questions. Please advise if you would like me to attend.

Sincerely,

Amanda DeValk

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Amanda DeValk".