



City of Manitowoc Finance Committee
City Hall
900 Quay Street
Manitowoc, WI 54220

RE: Letter of Support for Lacy Marie Minto – Operator's License Application

Dear Members of the Finance Committee,

I am writing in strong support of Ms. Lacy Marie Minto's application for an Operator's License with the City of Manitowoc.

As the Executive Director of Lighthouse Recovery Community Center, and formerly as the Manitowoc County Drug Treatment Court, I have had the opportunity to observe Lacy's remarkable personal growth and sustained commitment to living a responsible, productive, and recovery-oriented life, from the beginning to today. While I understand the City's obligation to consider an applicant's criminal history, I respectfully ask the Committee to also consider the substantial evidence of rehabilitation and the person Lacy has become over the past several years.

Lacy has had no criminal justice involvement since 2018, demonstrating more than eight years of law-abiding behavior and personal accountability. She successfully completed Drug Court programming, a rigorous process requiring participants to maintain sobriety, comply with intensive supervision, and demonstrate lasting behavioral change. Completing such a program reflects determination, accountability, and a genuine commitment to rehabilitation.

Since that time, Lacy has rebuilt her life in extraordinary ways. She has full custody of her children, providing them with a safe, stable, and nurturing home. She is now working her way up the "corporate ladder" at Aldi's with being offered a promotion to Assistant Manager, which is the reason she has had to apply for this license.

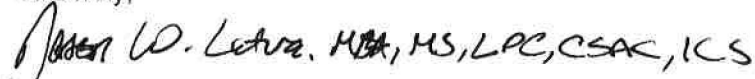
Beyond her personal accomplishments, Lacy has become a positive member of our community. She has consistently demonstrated integrity, responsibility, compassion, and a willingness to help others. Individuals in recovery often become some of the strongest contributors to their communities because they understand the value of accountability, service, and giving back. Lacy exemplifies these qualities every day.

The purpose of Wisconsin's licensing laws is to protect the public, not to create lifelong barriers for individuals who have clearly demonstrated rehabilitation. Based on Lacy's sustained period of lawful conduct, successful completion of treatment and court programming, stable family life, and positive community involvement, I do not believe granting this license presents any risk to the public. On the contrary, approving her application would recognize the meaningful rehabilitation she has achieved and support her continued employment and positive contributions to our community.

I respectfully encourage the Finance Committee and Common Council to give substantial weight to Lacy's accomplishments over the past eight years and to approve her Operator's License application.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration. Please feel free to contact me if I can provide any additional information regarding Lacy's character, recovery, or contributions to our community.

Sincerely,



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