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Van: [redacted]
Verzonden: dinsdag 15 januari 2019 14:15
Aan: handhavingwonen
Onderwerp: opvraag ambtsbericht - [redacted]
Bijlagen: [redacted]

Hoi,

Graag ontvangen wij een ambtsbericht inzake [redacted]

Met vriendelijke groet,

Mw. [redacted]
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Van: handhavingwonen
Verzonden: vrijdag 30 november 2018 11:31
Aan: bezwaarenberoep wonen
Onderwerp: FW: Beschikking over het opleggen en het invorderen van de bestuurlijke boete inzake de woning[redacted]

Van: [redacted]
Verzonden: vrijdag 30 november 2018 11:11
Aan: handhavingwonen
Onderwerp: Beschikking over het opleggen en het invorderen van de bestuurlijke boete inzake de woning: [redacted]

Dear Miss[redacted]

First of all I would like to inform you and the authorities that together with Mr [redacted] who rents the apartment from me and has a valid contract with permission to run a legal B&B in a part of it, we've put a good care to make sure there can be no doubt that all is according to the city rules to make sure the apartment would not be consider anymore as one with an illegal activity. Mr[redacted] from now on will ALWAYS rent just 1 bedroom to the tourists. The rest of the apartment, consisting of the second bedroom with bathroom, living room and the kitchen will be his private space. This should meet the 60/40% rule. I hope that this will meet your expectations and the dwangsom of 50.000 euro will be lifted.

With this email I would also like to ask you for a reconsideration of the 'boete" of 20.500 euro which was given to me by the authorities. In my previous email with the explanations I think I wasn't exactly clear. The "boete" was given to me on the basis that I didn't take any initiative to have a control over the activities of Mr[redacted] in the apartment, and thats simply not the case. Mister[redacted] was selling the room on booking.com I have been checking his booking.com page few times and there he was never selling 2 rooms. His listing consisted of only 1 room which have been sold to the tourists. The visits which I was talking about in the previous email have ALWAYS been random and not announced. As I said before Mr [redacted] was always present in the apartment. There always have been his personal things there, like his printer, computer or coats. I have been also once to his room (where he printed for me a document which I needed from him) All those things mentioned above really never made me think, even for a second that he might be living somewhere else. Sure I wasn't checking if there are is his underwear or socks or t-shirts in the drawers but IMO that would be against his privacy in the apartment (and I'm sure I am simply not allowed to do that in someones apartment) I have asked Mr [redacted] why during the check he had 2 rooms rented to the tourists and he informed me that he had a double booking and to avoid problems he let the tourists stay in his room. If thats the case: what was my chance to control that from not to happen?
Taken in account all the things I have written above I would like to ask you to reconsider my situation. I didn't have any intentions of doing anything illegal, I didn't neglect my responsibilities regarding the control over the apartment and IMO have had basically no chance to stop Mr [redacted] from doing this stupid move of letting the guests stay in his room. Please also take in account that other 2 apartments of the building all comply with the rules of the city. If you and your colleagues still think that there is a wrongdoing on my side please at least reconsider the hight of the fine. 20.500 is a huge amount for me and in order to be able to pay it I will need to take a loan from the bank.

In the letter you also mention the situation from the year 2014. Yes that was my own error indeed. I have invested all my savings to renovate the building and turn it into B&B. I was young and stupid and misunderstood the rules. I was sure I am allowed to have 2 rooms with 4 paying guest stay in each apartment. According to the city hall the building was listed as a just 1 address therefore the whole situation turned into an illegal use. I have lost all my savings and ended up with an illegal business. But indeed that was my own fault, thats why I decided (advised by the city) to split the house into 4 addresses and rent it out. The apartments have been renovated to partly accommodate tourists thats why I have given permission to Mr[redacted] to run a legal B&B in part of his apartment This way I wanted to make sure that I don't have any problems in the future with the building. Thats why the shock I got when the letter came that I have to pay a fine of 20.500 euro was huge. I fell like I am being punished for something I have no blame in and didn't really had a chance to stop this situation from happening.

So with my final words, Please take this all in consideration when you make your final decision regarding my case.

Sincerely,

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