



March 19, 2024

To Whom it May Concern:

We are writing to formally terminate the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Central Missouri Humane Society and the City of Columbia regarding the proposed land swap and construction of our new shelter on Strawn Rd. After considering and evaluating alternative options, we have determined that there are other options that align better with our long-term goals and mission.

CMHS is deeply appreciative of the support and collaboration offered by the City throughout our discussions and negotiations. However, after careful consideration and thorough assessment of various factors, we have identified and secured a different piece of property that better suits the needs of our project.

We would like to emphasize our continued commitment to fostering a positive relationship with the City of Columbia. We believe that owning our own land will provide us with greater autonomy and open up new avenues for grant funding opportunities previously unavailable to us.

We would like to express our gratitude for the time and effort invested by the City's representatives in this matter. CMHS remains open to exploring future collaborations and partnerships that align with our shared objectives.

Please consider this letter as formal notification of our intent to terminate the MOU effective immediately. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or require further clarification.

Sincerely,

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