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To: The White Bear Township Public Safety Commission.
From: Scott Slocum, 1416 Birchcrest Drive, White Bear Lake, MN. 651-429-8487.
Re: [Petition for Protection from Trapping in White Bear, MN.](#)

Thank you for considering our petition.

At our last meeting on 6/7/2012, Mike Tucker of Wildlife Removal Services described some of the problems that municipalities have had with Ordinances that ban trapping entirely. He suggested, and I agreed, that Ordinances should encourage safe, responsible wildlife management.

In my 6/11/2012 letter to you, I recommended the Shoreview, MN wildlife-management Ordinances.

During the Summer, the Town Board took on the task of developing a trapping Ordinance that would improve the public safety while still allowing safe, responsible trapping. An Ordinance was drafted and passed in September, and in October I began to work with the Board to address that Ordinance's many errors.

On 1/8/2013, the City of White Bear Lake passed a new trapping Ordinance that puts dangerous trapping operations into the hands of professionals, but still allows property owners to do what's necessary indoors and in the yard using cage traps and mole & small-rodent traps. On 1/25/2013 the Town Board reviewed the new City Ordinance and asked for a proposal that would allow property owners to use more trapping methods. I responded with a proposal that does that.

The proposal before you has been researched and developed to meet both the requirements of the Town Board and the request of the Petition for Protection from Trapping. I hope you will consider it and forward it to the Town Board with your recommendation.

Thank you.

Scott Slocum