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## Canine to Five land purchase approved by Detroit City Council

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Score one for small business — the sale of a city-owned lot to dog daycare owner Liz Blondy was approved today by the Detroit City Council.

Blondy owns **Canine to Five**, the city's only dog daycare, which is located on Cass Avenue south of Mack.

Canine to Five has been open six years. For 2010, revenue was \$490,000, Blondy says, up 20 percent over 2009. She's averaging 60 dogs a day in daycare, and 100 to 150 dogs in the grooming arm of the business per week.

Now she wants to expand – and that means buying the city-owned lot to the south of her business, home to the Birdtown community garden. **The gardeners have vociferously opposed the sale.**

Blondy says she offered to work with the gardeners to relocate the garden... **[read more on that here.](#)**

At any rate, the sale of the land was approved, and Blondy can begin work on the 4,000 square foot expansion she hopes will be open next year.

And Detroit, a city that has a reputation for stifling business growth, can count this one as a win.

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