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730 Washington Avenue  
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Ladies and Gentlemen,

On behalf of the Racine Zoo, I am asking for consideration in regards to our current tent permitting process.

Currently, when the Zoo hosts an event, such as Animal Crackers, Zoo Debut, Boo at the Zoo, etc., we submit a tent permit request. We have a tremendous partnership with the City of Racine, including some annual funds, have board members appointed by the City, and have a relationship with the Park and Recreation Department. The City of Racine Departments do not need to submit a tent permit application when they put up tents for City events around town or in the parks, and we are asking for the same consideration. We understand that we will still fall under any inspections necessary and will also fall under any municipal codes in regards to tent setup.

This consideration for exemption will be for Zoo events only. For all non-zoo events on zoo property, such as weddings and company picnics, tent permit applications will continue to be submitted.

Best regards,

Elizabeth Heidorn  
Executive Director  
Racine Zoo