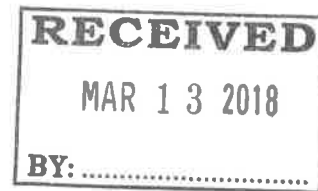


March 13th, 2018

To: Mr. James M. Palenick
City Administrator
730 Washington Ave.
Racine WI 53403



RE: Racine Baseball Co-Op Updates

Dear Mr. Palenick-

I am writing you to advise you that RBC Racine Baseball Co-Op is still in the process and search for another location for the future of baseball training and our organization. Our board has recently made some changes. We have expanded the size of our board and continue to seek information and guidance regarding our move. Furthermore Mr. Dan Nicholson is no longer involved in the Racine baseball Co-Op organization. RBC wishes him well and thank him for the years of service.

Since September 2017 we have been reviewing a Location at 1501/1509 Rapids Drive – the Old Hamilton Beech Building. Additionally, we have been in contact with Mr. Ralph Nichols in the City Engineering Department. He thus far has been very helpful and we appreciate his help.

This week we are entertaining Contractors to review the location for estimates for reinstallation of our equipment and supporting items such as heating and lighting to just mention a few.

We are respectfully requesting that the City of Racine waive any and all future fees that would be required to obtain a "Conditional Use Permit", Building Permits, Occupational Permit just to name a few.

All Our members are working hard to complete this project to get us back to establishing RBC back into service. We hope that waiving the "Fees" will assist our organization in heading into that final goal.

I personally thank you in advance for the assistance RBC has received thus far and look forward to working with you in the future-

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tom Simons". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Tom Simons – Trustee
Racine Baseball Co-Op
Email-tomsimons8125@gmail.com

Palenick, James

From: Palenick, James
Sent: Friday, March 16, 2018 11:35 AM
To: 'tomsimons8125@gmail.com'
Subject: Racine Baseball Co-op request for fee waivers

Mr. Simons:

Thank you for your recent update on the progress that the Racine Baseball Co-op is making in arranging for a new location to house future ongoing operations. In that regard, you have made a request, on behalf of the co-op to have the City "waive" any and all future fees associated with the obtainment of Conditional Use Permits as well as Building Permits, along with any other permit fees which may apply and be required. Please note that my office does not, among my duties, bestow on me the authority to waive duly-enacted fees. Only action of the Common Council (the City's Legislative body) could achieve that, and then only after it would first be reviewed by a Standing Committee (Finance & Personnel) assigned such issues. Now, further, having said that, you should note that the City has maintained a long-standing practice in these cases of denying such waiver requests even though they often come from struggling non-profits who pursue noble work on behalf of the less fortunate. The reason for this is, as you might suspect, the "precedent" of waiving fees for one would make it awfully difficult to then justify not extending such opportunity to all.

You certainly are welcome to submit a formal communication request for waiver of these fees to be submitted to the Finance & personnel Committee, but It would be disingenuous at best on my part if I didn't let you know that history would suggest that your likelihood of success will be limited.

I am sorry I couldn't offer more encouraging news, but the City's staff does stand ready to assist your group in moving through the permitting process. If you do want to pursue the Waiver request further, let me know.

Sincerely,

James M. (Jim) Palenick
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