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TO: Commissioner Morrison

FROM: Jim Black, Worshipful Master
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DATE: April 21, 2015

I am contacting you concerning our 11th annual BBQ cook off and scholarship fundraiser held this year at the Fort Bend County Fair Grounds on March 14th and 15th. This year, along with our cook off, we held a car show. The car show was free to enter, and free for the public. It took place on the midway parking lot. Being that it was the first year for our car show the attendance was a little low. We only had 18 cars, but we hope to grow that event to complement our cook off, which had over 60 entries. We held the event on the midway lot because we knew that the lot was allowed for parking when the cook off area and pavilion was rented. We were not aware until the week prior to the cook off that we would be charged \$300 rent for that lot. We will plan for this expense for next year's car show and cook off.

I would like to ask the Fort Bend County Commissioners Court to consider waiving this fee for this year.

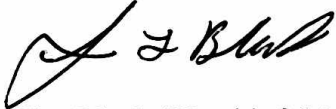
The purpose of our event is to raise money for scholarships for students in Lamar CISD and Needville ISD. This year we raised almost \$13,000 to be given out on May 13th! This \$300 is part of that money.

I would like to bring up two other matters concerning the fair grounds that weekend. Our cook off was on the rental calendar for almost a year. We were not made aware of the new storage barn that was built in the cook off lot until the week before the cook off. We had to notify 8 teams that they would have to move from their reserved spots to the adjacent parking lot. Some were not happy, but they all cooperated.

The other matter is the drainage, or lack of drainage, in the cook off parking lot. The night before the cook off we got quite a bit of rain. When we arrived Friday morning we found about one third of the lot under water. As our teams started pulling in we had to relocate about 15 to 18 of them to the adjacent parking lot as well. Maybe the court can address this issue at some point in the future.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. Black".

Jim Black, Worshipful Master
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