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To: Board of County Commissioners

From: Tony Gomillion

Date: August 30, 2016

Subject: Santa Rosa County Chamber of Commerce Request to use County Auditorium

DISCUSSION

Discussion of the Santa Rosa County Chamber of Commerce's request to utilize the County Auditorium for their 80th Annual Leadership Awards & Installation Banquet for Saturday, January 28th, 2017. As outlined in the attached letter, the Chamber is seeking approval to serve alcohol at the County Auditorium.

ACTION NEEDED

Board approval is needed to allow:

1. Alcohol consumption on County Property.

(Ordinance No. 2005-11 Section 15.27) *It shall be unlawful to bring into, consume, sell, or cause to allow to be sold, any beer, wine, liquors or alcoholic beverages of any kind, in any County Park, except on Navarre Beach when authorized by Santa Rosa County. Alcoholic beverages shall be allowed in Navarre Park by state-recognized nonprofit organizations. Proper licensing and insurance shall be required. (Ord. No. 2005-11, § 1, 5-26-05; Ord. No. 2007-01, § 1, 1-25-07; Ord. No. 2008-06, § 1, 3-13-08)*

SANTA ROSA COUNTY
Chamber of Commerce
AND
TOURIST INFORMATION CENTER

August 30, 2016

Mr. Tony Gomillion
Santa Rosa County Administrator
6495 Caroline Street, Suite M
Milton, Florida 32570

Dear Mr. Gomillion,

The Santa Rosa County Chamber of Commerce has scheduled the Santa Rosa County Auditorium for our 80th Annual Leadership Awards & Installation Banquet for Saturday, January 28th, 2017. Traditionally this event has been held on board Naval Air Station Whiting Field, but due to increased security levels and the effect on attendance we feel an alternative location would be best. This event is one of two annual fundraisers to help cover administrative and operating costs for the Chamber of Commerce & Tourist Information Center so high participation is critical to its' success. Approximately 250 to 300 guests attend the evening with activities that include networking, a silent auction, catered dinner, installation of our board of directors, appreciation of the chairs of over 22 committees, and most importantly the annual leadership award recognitions in which 12 of our county's individuals, businesses and organizations are recognized for their hard work and dedication to the incredible quality of life we enjoy here in Santa Rosa County.

A part of the night's festivities has always been a cash bar available for our guest's enjoyment during the social and dinner hours. We would like to request a waiver of the current ordinance not allowing for alcohol to be served or sold on the premises for the evening of January 28th only from 6:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m.

We are hopeful this waiver can be approved eliminating the need to find an alternative location possibly in a neighboring county.

Sincerely,

Donna S. Tucker
President/CEO