

February 1, 2016

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Licensing, Permits and Inspections Committee
Attn. Chair Jim Brey
Manitowoc Common Council

transmitted by email

Re: Permission to operate a "Mobile Cookie Booth"

Dear Chair Brey:

I am part of the leadership team for Girl Scout Troop 8544. I am writing to ask permission from the Committee in accordance with city ordinance to sell Girl Scout Cookies out of marked family vehicles while parked on city property. I ask that you take this up as soon as practicable; we would like to have these mobile cookie booths during the period of February 21 – March 20, 2016.

Troop 8544 includes 30 girls attending school primarily at Monroe Elementary. These girls are in grades 3 – 7. The Girl Scout Cookie Program teaches girls goal setting, decision making, money management, people skills, and business ethics.

In order to sell enough boxes to earn two nights of camping and admission to the Blue Harbor water park, we must sell nearly 5000 boxes. We have sold over 2500 boxes during the advance order period. We will have cookie booths at local grocery stores on 8 days as well as a booth at Rummage A Rama. The troop also wants to earn enough money so all girls in the troop have a uniform vest and Guide to Girl Scout book. Our troop is donating boxes of cookies to Habitat for Humanity and has worked with several other local charities in the past. We like to help different groups each year. We do things to help all year round. So it is important that we meet our goal.

We have been thinking of different ways to try to sell cookies. We will sell door to door with the cookies immediately available. We want to have a mobile cookie booth or two that can park near businesses as the employees leave work. Permission to sell while parked on the street will let us do this without having to get permission from each business owner. If you grant permission, we might also sell near other areas where there are gatherings of people such as schools, parks and downtown.

Safety is a primary concern. Obviously, at least one adult will always be present. Most likely there will be two to three Girl Scouts. I anticipate operating only during daylight hours or in very well-lit areas. No sales will take place near bars or events focusing on the consumption of alcohol.

I hope that you grant permission to operate our mobile booths on city property. If there are any other questions, or if you wish to impose any restrictions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully,

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