

January 23, 2025

Public Infrastructure transmitted by email through City Attorney
Attn. Chair Michael Cummings
Manitowoc Common Council

Re: Permission to operate a "Mobile Cookie Booth"

Dear Chair Cummings:

As part of the leadership team for Girl Scout Troops 8544, 8501, 8195, 8129 8602, 8535, and 8539, collectively referred to as the "Purple People Troops," 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 or on the street parking. We would like to have these mobile cookie booths during the period of February 8 – March 16, 2025. You have granted permission in the past and the girls have been able to take advantage on several occasions, most recently in 2024.

If you grant permission, we may sell near areas where there are gatherings of people such as schools, parks and downtown. We have had success at the St. Patrick's Day parade.

Safety is a primary concern. Two adults 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 and streets. As you likely know, the Girl Scout Cookie Program teaches girls goal setting, decision making, money management, people skills, and business ethics. It is the largest girl-run business in the world. If there are any other questions or if you wish to impose any restrictions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Melissa DeSwarte".

Melissa DeSwarte
For the Purple People Troops

Cc: City Attorney Eric Nycz