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Mr. Craig Rice
Maintenance Director
City of Dripping Springs
511 Mercer St.
Dripping Springs, TX 78620

Re: Veterans Memorial Park

Dear Mr. Rice:

After reviewing the lease agreement that the VFW/American Legion has with the City for Lots 1 and 2 of the Veterans Memorial Park Subdivision this week, I found that you are the City person I should be working with. The lease calls for VFW/AL to submit a plan for revamping the garden area in front of the Welcome Sign.

We had submitted a garden plan back in June that was approved by the Parks and Recreation Commission at the June 7th meeting, but it was put on hold by the City Administrator a few days later. Apparently there were questions about our plan meeting the building code, lighting ordinance, and landscape ordinance.

The only thing that should apply for the garden project is the landscape ordinance. If possible I would like a copy of the landscape ordinance for our review.

We propose to do the following for the garden:

- 1) Remove all of the existing rocks and plants from the existing garden bed. (Completed)
- 2) Downsize the garden bed to a 6'0" x 18'0" bed with metal edging and cut stone.
- 3) Cover the area with a nylon mat that will stop unwanted grass and weeds.
- 4) Work with local master gardeners to select plants that will not block the Welcome Sign.
- 5) Cover the area around the new plants inside the garden area with hardwood mulch.
- 6) Clean up the unused area of the existing garden bed and plant grass seed around the outside of the new bed.

Our Lease Agreement does not require repairs to City sign lighting. Item No. 7 of the original garden plan will be deleted.

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Our garden maintenance plan is as follows:

- 1) Water and fertilize plants as needed.
- 2) Remove grass and weeds inside garden bed.
- 3) Replace dead plants as needed.
- 4) Trim plants that block Welcome Sign.

If possible I would like to meet with you next week to discuss the garden and our plan to upgrade the branch of service plaques mounted on the back side of the Welcome Sign. I will give you a copy of the garden plan when we meet at the triangle.

Thanks,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tony Chamness', with a large, stylized initial 'T'.

Tony Chamness
American Legion Post 290

Cc: Dennis Eibe