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Dear Michael,

I am contacting you today on behalf of the SGI Brewfest. I am the president and founder of that organization. I'm hopeful you're familiar with our event. We are the primary annual fundraiser for the Franklin County Humane Society and FCHS depends on our event for much of their annual funding. 2020 will be our fifth year. Typically our event is held in late April at Paddy's Raw Bar. Because of COVID-19 we had to reschedule our event for the fall. Our new event date is Saturday, October 3rd. We still plan to have our 2021 event in April. The breweries and distributors donate all of the beer to the event so all proceeds from ticket sales and sponsorships go directly to FCHS after the event expenses are covered.

The reason I am writing you today is that my Brewfest board has been discussing the potential for moving our event permanently to a new location. The event has grown year after year and very soon we will grow out of our spot at Paddy's. We were considering attempting to move the event to the center of the island where the annual chili cook off is held. What is the process for this? I know there's some sort of prohibition on selling alcohol on county property but wasn't sure if there was some sort of permitting or special process required to request an exemption for a local fundraising event. Since we don't actually sell the beer, but sell tickets to the event and guests can sample the beers, we didn't know if that prohibition would apply to our event. Can you tell me if this is a possibility and what the process would be? We believe by expanding our event it will allow us to have more community involvement. We would love to be able to have a food court area where local restaurants from all over the county would have the opportunity to set up tents or mobile vending trucks to sell food to our attendees. Having an expanded food court is not a possibility at our current location.

Thank you for taking the time to review my request. I look forward to hearing back from you.

Best Wishes,

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