



Dear City of Tenino,

First, I would like to express our gratitude for the decision to change the staging area for the parade to the middle school parking lot. This adjustment will significantly enhance convenience and safety for our children and all parade participants.

I am writing to formally request that the application fee for the 2024 parade be waived for the Tenino Lions Club. As you may know, our organization has been an integral part of this community for 85 years, having celebrated our 85th anniversary in 2023. The Tenino Lions Club remains dedicated to serving our community and we hope to continue this legacy for many more years to come. Waiving this fee would greatly support our efforts and enable us to further contribute to Tenino in various meaningful ways.

To provide some context on the importance of this event, here is a brief history of the Oregon Trail Days as reported in the Independent approximately six years ago:

“July 23, 2018 - The late 1960s were a time of turmoil across the U.S., and Tenino didn’t escape the fallout of the period’s sweeping social changes. One victim was the annual Labor Day parade and celebration that had been a decades-long tradition. Both ended in 1967 when no organization would volunteer to sponsor the event. A year later, the Tenino Lions Club proposed a new event as a replacement, seizing upon the Old Oregon Trail marker on Sussex as a theme, and Oregon Trail Days was born.”

This piece of history highlights the enduring commitment of the Tenino Lions Club to preserving community traditions and fostering community spirit.

Thank you for considering our request to waive the parade application fee. We look forward to continuing our partnership with the City of Tenino and making the 2024 Oregon Trail Days Parade a memorable event for all.

Sincerely,

Tianne Curtiss

Tenino Lions Club President 2023-2024
Oregon Trail Days Parade Chair