

Importers/Selling Agents

April 14, 2015

Mayor Don Keil
City of Seguin
205 River Street
Seguin, TX 78155

Douglas G. Faseler
City Manager
City of Seguin
205 River Street
Seguin, TX 78155



Direct Factory Distributors



Re: Mr. W. Variance Request

Dear Mayor Keil and Mr. Faseler:

On November 21, 2016, the City of Seguin granted a variance for approximately 1.5 acres located at 177 Pine Meadow Road in Seguin. Specifically, my company was granted a variance from Chapter 70, Article I, Sect 70-7 (b) of the Seguin Code of Ordinances, allowing us to continue the sale of fireworks within 5000 feet of the city limits for a period ending on December 31, 2014. As part of this variance, the City required us to comply with certain "conditions" which during the last eight years, we have fully complied.

This letter is to officially request that the City consider granting either an extension of this variance or granting a new variance with the same conditions for another eight (8) years. The reasons for this request is that at the present time the City has not developed in this area and there are no safety risks if we were allowed to continue with the business; secondly, we have been good corporate citizens and have contributed economically to the area and finally, we provide assistance to the County Line Volunteer Fire Department and First Responders (County Line VFD). Attached is a letter from the County Line VFD outlining the money they earned by working the fireworks store has assisted them in purchasing protective gear for firefighters, fire trucks, training for firefighters and first responders as well as fuel for fire vehicles. In addition to providing financial assistance to County Line VFD, the fact that firefighters are working the store ensures that customers get safety lessons on how to properly use fireworks.

Please let us know the application process for requesting a variance and having this matter placed on a city council agenda in May. If you or your staff have any questions, please feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Wayne Wildman

Attachment

cc: City Council Members
Dale Skinner, Fire Chief
Andy Quittner, City Attorney

County Line Volunteer Fire Department
& First Responders
146 Sandy Oaks Drive
Seguin, Texas 78155
830-372-4000



To the Honorable Mayor and City Manager
Seguin, Texas

Mr. W Fireworks has been a very important part of the continued development of County Line Volunteer Fire Department since our first year as a part of the firefighting contingency in Guadalupe County. We ask that the City of Seguin take a close look at the business conducted at the store located on Pine Meadow in Seguin's extra territorial jurisdiction and continue to allow them to operate this store.

Mr. W Fireworks has not only contributed with tax monies paid, but also through the monies that they have allowed our department to earn and use for our continued growth. We have used the monies earned working under them to help insure the safety of the community by purchasing personal protective gear for our firefighters and several fire trucks. We have paid to train our department members. The money that the department has earned has also been used to cover the cost of fuel during the extremely dry times when the money that we were allotted by Guadalupe County has not been sufficient to cover our monthly expenses.

They have given us the opportunity to educate members of the community on the proper use of fireworks. Each season, we are asked by patrons to recommend fireworks that can be used safely in the area around their homes and/or businesses. Once these individuals describe the terrain around the area they will be using, we can direct them toward items that will be the least likely to cause a problem. Since Mr. W Fireworks provides us with access to videos on many of their new products, we can show them to patrons so they can see if these items will be safe for use in their areas. We are also asked to show customers items that can be used safely by specific age groups.

Our department feels that the Mr. W Fireworks store located on Pine Meadow can be an asset to the community through continued financial support and the education of its citizens that will reduce the number of fireworks related incidents. Your consideration of this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barbara J. Brown".

Barbara J. Brown
Secretary/Treasurer
County Line Volunteer Fire Department
& First Responders, Inc.