



TOWN OF PINEVILLE

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Ms. Leslie Johnson
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Dear Ms. Johnson,

We are reaching out to you pursuant to the "Field Use and Maintenance Agreement for Pineville Elementary School" between Mecklenburg County and The Town of Pineville dated January 19, 2015 as well as the conversations we had on Wednesday, January 3 and Friday, January 5, 2018.

We are specifically focused on Section 3; Paragraph D, which states modifications to the fields, to include lighting, exceeding \$25,000 must be authorized by the County Director of Parks and Recreation.

The Town of Pineville supports youth baseball and softball through the Pineville Community Athletic Association (PCAA). PCAA is a non-profit organization operated by a group of dedicated volunteers. The association is an extension of our Parks and Recreation efforts to provide quality athletic programs to youth in Pineville and the surrounding area. In fact, only 13% of PCAA participants are Pineville residents, 51% are Mecklenburg County residents and the remaining are Charlotte and South Carolina residents. PCAA also operates and fully maintains the three fields outlined in our agreement with funding support by the town.

As you know, PCAA recently sent the County and Town of Pineville a proposal for "Phase III" field lighting at Pineville Memorial Ballpark to accommodate tremendous growth. The proposal is in-line with discussions of future phasing in both the Agreement between Mecklenburg County and CMS and between Mecklenburg County and the Town of Pineville.

Pineville's Parks and Recreation Director reviewed the proposal in recent weeks and indicated to Town Council that she is in support of the lighting request as part of the growth of Pineville Parks and Recreation activities. Pineville Town Council voted unanimously in asking me to write the County requesting additional funding support.

As a reference point, our above-mentioned agreement with the County states the following:

"Recognizing the TOWN's limited capacity to execute or fund significant (improvements), the COUNTY agrees to consider assisting the TOWN at their request in such matters."

We hereby request that the County continue its support for the Town of Pineville and these athletic fields by contributing 50% of the Phase III funding or approximately \$100,000.

Sincerely,

Ryan Spitzer, Town Manager