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COMMISSIONERS COURT  
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DATE: 12/13/2022

SUBJECT: **APPROVAL OF AFTERBURNERS TOASTMASTERS CLUB TO USE  
THE PLAZA BUILDING TO CONDUCT PUBLIC SPEAKING  
TRAINING FOR COUNTY EMPLOYEES AND COUNTY YOUTH  
AND TO USE THE BUILDING FOR WEEKLY GROUP MEETINGS**

**\*\*\* CONSENT AGENDA \*\*\***

**COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED**

It is requested that the Commissioners Court approve the use of the Plaza Building for Afterburners Toastmasters Club to conduct public speaking training for County employees and County youth and to use the building for weekly group meetings for calendar year 2023.

**BACKGROUND**

The Tarrant County Human Resources Department and the Afterburners Toastmasters Club have developed and implemented a curriculum for a public speaking program for County employees and County Youth.

In return for providing public speaking training for County employees and a Youth Leadership Program for children and grandchildren of County employees, the Afterburners Toastmasters Club requested that they be allowed to continue to utilize the Plaza Building for their weekly after-hours meetings. Their meetings end before 9:00 p.m. on Tuesday evenings.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

The fiscal impact for FY 2023 is estimated to be less than \$2,000.00 and includes costs for extended security (two (2) additional hours on Tuesdays), HVAC, and electricity. Funding is available from Facilities Management Plaza Building operating accounts.

SUBMITTED BY: Human Resources

PREPARED BY: Larry Wilson  
APPROVED BY:





November 1, 2022

Larry Wilson, Staff Development Coordinator

Reference: Afterburners Toastmasters Club 6191 – Compliance Letter

Dear Mr. Wilson,

Please accept this letter as our proposal to continue Afterburners Toastmasters Club 6191 long-standing partnership with Tarrant County. Our partnership has historically included the use of meeting rooms on the 5th floor of the Tarrant County Plaza Building. To continue to use these facilities, Afterburners is available to continue providing the following at the request of the Department of Human Resources.

- A demonstration meeting once or twice each calendar year to inform County employees of the benefits of Toastmasters and to provide a preview of how an actual meeting is conducted.
- Provide two (2) eight-week Youth Leadership Programs for County employees' children, grandchildren, nieces, and nephews ages 8-17. The objective is to teach youth and children to write and deliver speeches, sharpen impromptu speaking skills, learn how to conduct a meeting, and develop leadership skills; all of which build confidence. Children of County employees will have preferred seating and the course will be offered free of charge.

Afterburners Toastmasters is also proposing that it would be approved to incorporate Star Sponsorship a Non-Profit organization that mentors at-risk students to embrace this opportunity to also learn the techniques of public speaking and leadership skills. If approved the same rules as stated for Afterburners will also apply to Star Sponsorship.

The above stipulations have been a part of our long-standing agreement, since 2010, with the County. We are prepared to honor them for the coming year of January 1, 2023, thru December 31, 2023. In return, we ask the County Commissioners Court to grant Afterburners continued access to meeting rooms in the Tarrant County Plaza Building for weekly meetings, officer training classes, area and division contests, and Youth Leadership programs.

Any person(s) attending a Toastmasters meeting or event is covered by the Toastmasters International Insurance Policy. A current General Certificate of Insurance is attached. The policy will automatically be renewed on December 11, 2022.

We look forward to continuing our mutually beneficial partnership with Tarrant County. As a member of Afterburners since July 2018, I have been selected as the Club Liaison to the County. Therefore, if you need additional information to present this request before the County Commissioners Court for consideration as soon as possible, please contact me at the above-noted information. Thank you for your assistance.

Phylliss Christian-Daniels, Club Liaison to Tarrant County

Afterburners Toastmasters Club 6191

CC: Tina Glenn, Director of Human Resources w/attachments Where Leaders Are Made

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