



*Christian Classic Cruisers
2317 Pheasant Trail
Arlington, TX 76016-1959*

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Mr. Clayton Comstock
Director of Planning & Inspections
City of North Richland Hills
North Richland Hills, TX 76148

Dear Mr. Comstock

Thank you for taking the time to explain the provision of an appeal (Section 118-715(c)(3) of the NRH Zoning Ordinance) concerning the Building Official's decision regarding Non-Profit Temporary Events. As the Board of Directors for the Christian Classic Cruisers, Inc. car club ("CCC"), a legally organized 501c3 charity with State of Texas and the IRS, it is our responsibility to manage and direct the activities of our non-profit organization. Our car club was founded in 1990 by a group of same-minded individuals with a passion for cars and trucks and wanted to use that passion to raise monies to be distributed to needy children each year at Christmas. For the past thirty-two (32) years, CCC has consistently accomplished this goal, even during the pandemic years of 2020 to present. CCC produces eight car shows each year (except during 2020 and 2021). There is a very simple process, people congregate at the designated location, pay a registration fee of \$20.00 to enter their vehicle for display inside the designated area, complete a registration form for the CCC judges to use and then the participant can just sit back to relax or visit with friends and enjoy the event. On average, the car show will draw 175-250 participant vehicles for each car show event, and another 150-250 spectators. Spectators are not charged an admission fee for enjoying the vehicles. At the end of each individual car show event, CCC will distribute awards (plaques) for Class Winners, typically one in three vehicles will qualify for an award during this ceremony, including Specialty awards.

For thirty-two years, the CCC car show events have been the most consistent, among the larger parking lot car shows in Texas, having raised significant funds that have been distributed to children each and every Christmas. As with most everything in life, consistency has rewards. CCC has produced car shows at the Birdville ISD Fine Arts and Athletic Complex parking lots since 2004, using the east parking lot (facing Precinct Line Road, with the BISD Scoreboard as the backdrop) on the Third Saturday evening, March - October. This parking lot is capable of holding over four hundred car show participant vehicles. The event is held from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and the car show time window is bracketed an hour or more to accommodate set-up and tear-down of the CCC organizational equipment (canopies, PA sound, registration tables, cruise t-shirt tables judging tables, generator, etc.).

For the past seventeen years, **Birdville ISD** has contractual approved that the that each year, eight CCC car shows could be held on the east parking lot of the FAAC (behind the large scoreboard), facing Precinct Line Road, with car show spectators being allowed to park in the northeast BISD FAAC parking lot (behind What-A-Burger and Taco Bueno). On the BISD calendar, CCC always tries to reserve the following Saturday evening in the event of a rain-out on the scheduled date. For this privilege, CCC pays a small token to BISD for rental and lighting of the parking lot per car show. During these same seventeen years, **NRH Zoning and Planning Department** has approved a Special Event Permit for these events. CCC has paid in order to utilized NRH off-duty police officers providing for security on the parking lot during the car show event. CCC has invited the NRH Fire Department to come display their ladder truck when available during the car show. Participants, spectators and especially the children really seem to enjoy these special times.

CCC carries a \$2,000,000 liability insurance policy, with BISD as a Named Insured for the protection of both CCC and BISD. To date, there has not been a claim against that policy.

Programming includes: the registration of the vehicle, CCC members judging the vehicles, and an awards presentation to participants and also to the monthly sponsor. Every event begins with the National Anthem, every awards ceremony begins with a non-denominational prayer of thanksgiving for the weather, the participants, our nation and its leaders and the event itself.

The issue on the table is very simple. Restricting the number of events has impacted the charitable funds available significantly. In simple terminology, at BISD FAAC, (example) 225 vehicles provides benevolence funding for approximately 125-130 children, per car show. Moving the event to 6351 Blvd 26 (BISD Administration/Theatre) dropped the attendance to less than 100 participants, dropping the total benevolence giving to both (1) the children identified in our Benevolence distribution to churches, school counselors, and individual families and (2) a dramatic impact to our two designated target charities for the toys that were collected at our “Christmas in October” car show. A simple accounting of the total contractor size plastic bags, from the usual 20-30 bags of toys, plus multiple bicycles, down to 13 bags of toys. This impact of “location” was dramatic for 2022.

What is the impact??

- Most Important - LESS children will receive the benevolence funds from the CCC Christmas distribution.
- The two Tarrant County Charities that are supported by CCC with dollars and a large number of contractor plastic bags (20-30) filled with toys...the charities will receive VERY FEW TOYS from CCC Christmas in October car show where each participant brings a new, unwrapped toy to the event (6Stones and Fort Worth Metro Ministries (a sidewalk Sunday School ministry in the Eastside and Southside of Fort Worth)).

- The Economic impact to NRH restaurants adjacent to the BISD FAAC. Management for each of the restaurants have told us for many years, that the nights of our CCC car shows are the largest (record) revenue nights for their business. These restaurants include: Taco Bueno, What-A-Burger, iHop, CiCi's, Panda Express, and Rosa's Café.

Attached, you will find the following documentation that would support each month's request for the Event Permit:

1. CCC Club History
2. BISD Event Planning
3. BISD FAAC Event Map
4. BISD Property Rental Agreement (March – June)
5. BISD Letter of Approval for all eight (8) car show events at BISD FAAC
6. Certificate of Liability Insurance (\$2,000,000)
7. Copy of Past NRH Permit Application submission with additional departments and details – example of documents submitted that requested EIGHT car shows at BISD FAAC location.

Wayne Klopfenstein, a CCC Board of Directors/Officer (1st VP) has submitted (October 2022) the requested for all eight (8) CCC event applications for BISD Fine Arts and Athletic Complex at 9200 Mid Cities Blvd, utilizing the NRH City Offices portal for your review and requested approvals. CCC has not received anything to be available for attachment of these PENDING Special Event Applications.

On Behalf of the CCC Board of Directors, the membership, the Sponsors and all of the children that will benefit from our hard work that results with the Benevolence distribution in December, as well as participants, spectators, and the related businesses, "Thank you for your time and your consideration of the CCC request for an appeal of the limitation of only four events per location per year."

Regards,

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