



May 24, 2021

Mayor Ralph Hellmich
City of Foley
P.O. Box 1750
Foley, AL 36536

Dear Mayor and City Council,

The South Baldwin Chamber Foundation requests permission to hold the Annual BBQ & Blues Cook-Off at Foley Heritage Park and Pavilion. This one-day special event will be held March 12th, 2022 from 11:00 am - 5:00 pm (begin set up on Thursday, March 10th) and is the signature fundraising event for the Foundation.

We respectfully request that the fees for the use of the park and the pavilion be waived for this event. The South Baldwin Chamber Foundation is also requesting assistance from the Parks & Recreation Department in preparation and maintenance of the grounds during the festival to include: trash receptacle set up and service, hanging of banners and signage, assisting in power and water hook-ups, and placement of picnic tables and barricades.

Since becoming a KCBS Sanctioned event, we have seen an increase in the number of cook teams that want to attend our event. The cook teams are the heart of the event and the more we can accommodate, the more samples we can provide to our guests and maximize our fundraising efforts. We are outgrowing the space and infrastructure that the park currently allows. We are requesting that the Council considers adding additional power and water infrastructure to the east side of Heritage Park along Chicago St. This additional infrastructure would allow us to accommodate more cook teams. In addition, we are requesting that Council considers allowing us to extend the festival footprint over the sidewalk, north of the clock.

Additionally, we request a special events retail license to serve alcoholic beverages at the event. The license will be for beer and wine only which will be served in a gated area.

Your generosity and support for the Foundation are unprecedented! We value the relationship we have with the City of Foley, and respectfully ask you to consider these requests.

Regards,

Candice Workman