

## Chuck Wooten

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**From:** Rick Gorton  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 06, 2015 10:39 PM  
**To:** jacksoncomgr@jacksonnc.org  
**Subject:** Vendor permit from Rick Gorton  
**Attachments:** Permit letter.doc; Permit letter 2.rtf

Hi Chuck,

Please find enclosed attachment regarding the Permit issue for Vendor at Barkers creek location.

Please contact me back once this is on your desk for further questions.

Thank you Sir.

I sent it in two forms just incase you can't open one. Will also be delivering a hard copy on Thursday.

Rick Gorton

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Mr. Chuck Wooton  
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Dear Chuck,

As per my conversations with Rusty Ellis concerning the permission to receive a Concession Permit for use in Jackson County Parks as per Parks and Rec Web Page states and for Jackson County Parks and Recreation use for Sporting Events.

This letter is being put forth as a letter of intent by me (Rick Gorton) for a proposed Visitor Information Booth Concession Stand combination to be located 3-4 days per week at Barkers Creek take out beginning on this Memorial Day forward through our Rafting Season.  
The carts name shall be the "All American Hot Dog". (AAHD)

Knowing that Jackson County at this time, according to Rusty has no such permit in place for my above mentioned intent, Rusty thus requested the meeting on 5-5-15 with you concerning this matter. He, Rusty mentioned that there was a question if a Permit should be granted for one or more Concession's.

After close examination of property, other types of Concessions would require sufficient room for operation thus eliminating 3 parking spaces for our quests. This would possibly create friction between parties when policing the grounds after operations. The policing issue needs to be part of the conditions for granting said permit.

AAHD is of the push style cart being self contained, no external connects needed to be operated. This is an NSF certified cart and approved by our Health Department and with a very small footprint indeed.

There is one location at Barkers Creek where this cart would not be obtrusive and or create difficulty for visitors. Cart would be located between the boulders next to a rock strewn drainage system. No parking spaces or grass areas will be affected in anyway.

**Below is the intentions of the AAHD in being located at above mentioned Take Out.**

AAHD cart will be removed each and everynight from this location and brought to our commissary for clean up and inspections.

AAHD will be donating 10 cents of every dollar in profits to our Community Table as discussed with Ammie Grimes whom I help cook for on Mondays.

AAHD cart will have a rack for brochures of all nature, regarding businesses and the like about Jackson County

AAHD will also be employing two people for the season which will be trained and uniformed in a manner of respect.

AAHD will also be used for any and all events that our Parks Department would wish for and shall take precedence over our weekend location if Parks is having a main event.

During the use of cart for these events the 10 cents on the dollar would flow into the Parks Department funds.

As an experienced vendor of Hot Dogs with experience in what is written into a Concession Permit I would like to make a few suggestions;

Concession Permit holder should have full responsibility for policing grounds and placing all trash in Park area in approved trash containers each and everyday of operations.

Concession stand must meet all NSF specifications and shall have regular inspections by DOT and Health Department insuring the safety of our visitors and locals.

Concession stand must not be playing loud music that would disturb our guests.

Concession stand employer and employees must conduct business in a friendly non conflicting way and be dressed properly for presentation to our guests.

Concession stand should be permitted by the season with a Fee similar to that of which the Town of Sylva issues. We can use the same process as Sylva I am sure.

Above are just suggestions.

If needing a sense of what the cart would look like you can Google Ben's Carts and go to the Cash Cow Cart. There will be a complete overview of this cart. Trailer hitch is removed when pushed into location.

My intentions as a Visitor Center are to be able to explain to our visitors while they are re-hydrating and changing all that Dillsboro and Syva have to offer in an attempt to turn them around and into our towns instead of heading to Swain County or Haywood County. I wish to keep them here and enjoy longer what we have to offer.

This would be a great way of relating to visitors our wonderful county.

May I suggest for the moment, since we don't have a Permit persay, I formally request a temporary Permit since Memorial Day is very close and cart needs to be manufactured and lead time is 2 weeks for production once paid. This would give you time to search out details that you may feel need to be included in this process. Once details are worked out then a permit would be issued to AAHD which is the only interested party for this location thus far.

Jackson County as a whole would benefit greatly by the steering of guests back into our towns for the economic benefits that can be realized.

I being a advent Kayaker and know most if not all who locally use our river and work diligently to expose our wonderful life and county to all I meet, as demonstrated in the entering of our Jackson County 9/11 quilt for the world to see at the National September 11<sup>th</sup> Memorial Museum.

At this time I would like to make myself available for a further meeting at anytime. Being retired I have the time for you and our county.

My resume here in Town

Designed and Contributing artist for the Jackson County “ We All Remember 9/11” quilt now on perminant display at our National September 11<sup>th</sup> Memorial Museum in NYC

Former owner of Gorton Plumbing serving the elderly only for low cost or no cost.

Board Member of the Jackson County Arts Council.

Volunteer at Jackson County Schools.

Volunteer River Rescue on the Tuck.

Monday Cook for Communtiy Table and all round fund raiser.

Former Bed and Breakfast owner.

Created the first ever River Photography business on the Tuck.

Presently working with the FAA for exemption status and for a COA in order to purchase a drone for Aerial Photography with the intent for use in SARs operations for Jackson County on a Volunteer basis. Rusty did mention he would love for me to do aerials of our parks and this to is what my drone shall do volunteering my time and equipment.

Again I would like a temporary Vendor Permit in order to get the cart manufactured.

Thank you Chuck for your time and consideration

Rick Gorton

p.s. As mentioned above there is a time constraint for the manufacturing to spec for our Health Department which they have been informed and are in also in a holding pattern until the permit issue is resolved. I have the complete backing of Dr Ron Fisher who is on the head of our Health Department board.

## Chuck Wooten

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**From:** Rick Gorton  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 07, 2015 8:06 PM  
**To:** jacksoncomgr@jacksonnc.org  
**Subject:** Vendor permit letter

Dear Mr Wooten at this time I would like to apologize for an error in the letter of Intent by yours truly Rick Gorton.

May I have a moment to explain this mistake in this letter sent to you on 5-6-15 concerning paragraph 4 starting with, AADH is of the push style cart.

Since it was very late at the final reading after a very difficult physical day I forgot to correct one line in said paragraph stating (and approved by our Health Department was meant to say, (yet to be permitted by our Health Department.)

For some time now and after one meeting I have consulted with our Health officials and have received information in return in what would be expected of me doing business as an Open Air Hot Dog Push Cart. The Health Department well knew that my intentions were first to receive a County Vendor Permit such as the Town of Sylva, NC has issued to me in the past for an Ice Cream Vendor Push Cart in Town owned properties.

To my surprise after doing some research I have found out these facts.

First was Code Enforcement to see if I could dig up some info and told that they have never heard of such a thing and that Barkers Creek Park Take Out was a Non-Zoned area of the County.

After which I went to street vendors in Sylva, NC and they said they didn't need a Permit to sell anywhere in the County.

In order to be a LEGAL VENDOR I thought that our County would have such mentioned permitting set in place and needing to be filed and fee's paid.

Example of Sylva's fee which is in place at \$120.

I do wish to receive such a Permit before Investing a \$6000 dollar investment that would create a total of 2 jobs and funds for Parks and Receptions during special events held and to our beloved Community Table which AAHD will ultimately create a revenue stream, though only at 10% of all profits it still is but a drop of what both organizations could use in this, our days of austerity.

As you well know by my previous letter I try the best I can with what talents God has given me to help in what ever capacity.

The resume for my County included in such afore mention letter was not for any praise but for your eyes only for my left hand never knows what my right hand does. ( I am also a Street Preacher)

At this time as I close this letter I wish to to understand that I wish no favoritism in this matter only to be a LEGAL VENDOR in order to invest in Jackson County and promote her attributes.

My purpose was and still is to serve my Counties citizens first and foremost. In which you and our County Commissioner have already experienced by receiving National recognition do a team effort led by yours truly in uniting our citizens in our Remembering of September 11th 2001.

Again I wish to thank you for your understanding and patience with me.

Rick Gorton

p.s. another late written letter

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**From:** Rick Gorton  
**Sent:** Friday, May 08, 2015 8:55 PM  
**To:** Chuck Wooten  
**Subject:** Re: Vendor permit letter

Thank you Chuck and I shall make that meeting.

I feel it is important that our County have a Permit and ordinances in place. May I ask at this meeting that a temporary permit allowance be given until at which time Jackson County has such permit created thus allowing me to invest in our County and employ individuals.

At this time I would like to invite you to review my background on my Facebook page which is Rick Gorton no photo of me but my Gorton Imagineering Logo which is bright green. I use to work in Tourism and Exhibit Building for several well known Museum's and am and Artist of Serigraphs. I would like to volunteer also in our tourism Board if possible.

Thank you Sir and I look forward to this meeting.

Rick Gorton

On Fri, May 8, 2015 at 7:52 AM, Chuck Wooten <[chuckwooten@jacksonnc.org](mailto:chuckwooten@jacksonnc.org)> wrote:

Rick,

To my knowledge, the County has never granted a license or permit to a vendor to sell their goods at one of recreational facilities. We do have county operated concession stands at the parks when there is athletic competitions occurring. That said, I think it best to invite you to appear before the Commissioners at the May 19<sup>th</sup> work session to make you request. I suspect this will result in a discussion about a policy or at the very least a procedure that will be used for anyone who may want to sell their wares on county owned facilities. Please let me know if your schedule will allow you to attend. This meeting normally begins at 10:00 am and I will establish a schedule once I have determined all the person who will be appearing.

I do encourage you to continue your conversations with the Health Department about the cart and whether it can receive a health permit.

Thanks

Chuck