To: Ricardo Cervantes - Deputy Director of Licenses and Consumer Services

From: The Children's Theatre Company

Re: Denial of Block Event Permit Application

Date: 9/20/05

Mr. Cervantes,

This letter is to appeal the decision to deny The Children's Theatre Company's application for a Block Event Permit for October 8th. We understand that the reason for the denial was based on the start time of our event.

On October 8th The Children's Theatre Company will be celebrating the grand opening of our new building expansion. This event features a children's parade followed by a brief outdoor ceremony. We are unable to stage the opening ceremony later in the day due to previously scheduled activities, including an 11:00 performance on our main stage.

The outdoor ceremony is scheduled from 10:00 A.M. to 10:30 A.M. We require additional time in order to set up bleachers and to assure that we can properly accommodate parade watchers and audience members arriving for the 11:00 performance. This requires a set up time of 8:30 A.M. and would place the start time of our event 1.5 hours prior to what the Block Permit currently allows.

We request that you refer our application to the appropriate City Council committee so that we can move forward with the Block Event Permit application process.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Linda Jacobs

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September 19, 2005

Children's Theater Company
Attn: Linda Jacobs
2400 3rd Ave S
Minneapolis, MN 55404-3506

Dear Linda Jacobs:

I am writing to inform you that your application for a business district block event permit on Saturday, October 8, 2005 has been denied. The application, for street closure of 3rd Ave S between 24th St W and 25th St W is not permitted prior to 10:00 a.m. due to hour restrictions for street use in City Ordinance 455.35. Your application lists your event start time at 10:00 a.m., which would be no problem, except that your event map shows that bleachers will be put in the street. Bleacher setup will require closing the road prior to the start of the event, which is not permitted by the ordinance.

The business district block event coordinator, David Moore, has been working with your representative, Pablo, to look for alternatives that could work within the ordinance. Pablo called David today to indicate your intent to file an appeal.

The appeal process is found in ordinance 455.20 (g), and states that the business district event application will be forwarded to the appropriate council committee so that the appeal may be considered by the City Council. Please send your appeal in writing to our office to my attention, stating the reasons you are asking for review of this denial. Your appeal will be forwarded to the Transportation and Public Works committee meeting to be held on September 27, 2005, at 9:30 am, in Room 317 of City Hall, 350 South 5th Street.

If you have any questions concerning this process, please call me at 612-673-5857.

Sincerely,

Ricardo Cervantes
Deputy Director
Business Licenses and Consumer Services