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MAYOR'S OFFICE

Convoy of Hope

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Dear Rapid City Common Council,

On **August 20, 2011**, the Rapid City Convoy of Hope in conjunction with local churches, businesses, and community organizations will host a Convoy of Hope outreach that will distribute over 35,000 pounds of free groceries to *Black Hills area residents*.

The volunteer leadership for the Rapid City Convoy of Hope respectfully asks for a waiver to the Rapid City ordinance in the placement of yard signs as well as a waiver for the fees to place the banner across Main Street.

The yard signs are 18 x 24 in size and would be in the same style as political yard signs. There would be 250 of them placed in front of businesses and residences that are supporting this event by helping us get the word out in a minimal way. Because 5,000 of the poor and needy of Rapid City will each receive an estimated \$200 each of goods and services through this event, and because this is being funded completely by community donations, we are asking that the city help us in a small way to make this a success.

Convoy of Hope is a large group of volunteers that includes individuals as well as churches, businesses and organizations.

The Convoy of Hope outreach is a free carnival-like event that includes distribution of over 35,000 pounds of food to provide meals to feed thousands of people throughout the **Black Hills** area. The outreach will also include a free lunch, live entertainment, children's carnival area, medical and dental services, community services, free haircuts, free medical screenings, free family portraits and more. The outreach will bring together over 700 volunteers from local churches, organizations, and businesses.

This is an exciting opportunity for *Black Hills area* residents to unite and do something positive to combat the growing problems plaguing our community. All guests at the outreach will be greeted with open arms and will be given nourishment for both their body and soul. These people are our 'honored guests' and we will do everything we can to make a difference in their lives.

We would ask the City to consider in some way to support this effort. Waiving these fees and allowing the yard signs to be placed is one way to help in this exciting outreach.

Thank you for considering partnering together with us to bring hope to our community.

Sincerely,



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MEMORIAL PARK SATURDAY, AUGUST 20

10:00 A.M.

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Free

- Groceries • Kids Zone
- Health Fair • HairCuts