



February 6, 2015

Jim Moore
City of Mount Vernon
213 First Street NW
Mount Vernon, Iowa 52314-9998

(Meeting Town)

Dear Mayor:

We would like to bring RAGBRAI® XLIII through your town during the Register's Annual Great Bicycle Ride Across Iowa™, July 19-25, 2015. We have chosen to pass through your wonderful town, because we feel this route is the safest for all participants and showcases the beauty of Iowa and your community.

Please review the enclosed **RAGBRAI Agreement**. The agreement asks for your cooperation in coordinating the ending time of your local events to coincide with our schedule for providing route safety and medical support to the participants. **We need to have an official response from your city by Wednesday, February 25**, because if you cannot agree to its conditions, we must have time to consider an alternate route or town.

Secondly find co-chairs to lead the effort for your town. The chair(s) should be energetic and able to motivate people to get things done. Also send us a history of your city because we will need information about your town to include in the numerous promotional pieces that we publish for RAGBRAI. **Both the enclosed co-chair form and the history form are also due by Wednesday, February 25**. We anticipate publicly announcing the entire route on Sunday, March 8 in the Sunday Des Moines Register, so we appreciate keeping it on a need to know basis until then.

A general meeting/workshop for all chairpersons is scheduled for **Saturday, March 28**, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in Webster City, Iowa. **The meeting will take place at the Fuller Hall Recreation Center 625 Bank Street, Webster City. Directions and more information will be sent to the chairs that you designate.** At this workshop meeting, your chairs will receive handbooks and other materials to help in planning. At that time, you will have the ability to suggest a bike route through your town. Also, anybody who plans to serve alcohol should attend.

Areas of Concern: In most communities an ordinance or permit must be passed by the town council to allow local establishments to extend a beverage garden outdoors, if you plan to have one. Please make sure that this ordinance states the same shut down time as in your RAGBRAI agreement, and please send a copy of the ordinance to RAGBRAI. Also work closely with law enforcement to have a plan in place to stop team buses from setting up in your town. Team vehicles have a designated route separate from the rider route, and can only meet up with their riders once a day at the DESIGNATED MEETING TOWN. If you have been selected as one of the designated meeting towns, this will be indicated in your agreement.

We are here to offer ideas and assist you with planning. If you have any special concerns, please call me at 515-284-8289. We are excited about showing off Iowa communities and we hope you will be too. A map of the complete route will appear in The Des Moines Register on Sunday, March 9 as well as online at ragbrai.com.

Best Wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. J. Juskiewicz".

T. J. Juskiewicz, RAGBRAI® Director

NOTE: This agreement package is being sent simultaneously to the Mayor and the City Clerk.

REGISTER'S ANNUAL GREAT BICYCLE RIDE ACROSS IOWA™

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RAGBRAI® XLIII 2015 PASS-THROUGH TOWN AGREEMENT

DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 25, 2015

TOWN NAME: Mount Vernon (Meeting) (Linn County)

PASS-THROUGH DATE: Fri 7/24

SHUT DOWN TIME: 3:00:00 PM

In the spirit of RAGBRAI, we are asking for your cooperation to assist us in ensuring the safety of the riders. In as much as RAGBRAI support is from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., we are asking that you announce and post the appropriate time riders would need to leave your location to arrive at the next overnight town before 6:00 p.m. If conditions are ideal (i.e., 75 degrees F, low humidity, no wind), riders can average 10 mph.

For example, if your community is 40 miles (four hours) away from the overnight town, that would mean you would announce and encourage the riders to leave no later than 2:00 p.m. If you are ten miles from the overnight town and conditions are ideal, you would announce and encourage departure by 5:00 p.m. **IMPORTANT:** Encouraging timely departure by riders includes their support vehicles. Please **do not** allow any support vehicles to park in or around your community, unless you are the meeting town.

Whether you choose to use local entertainment or hire outside entertainment, the written contract with the DJ or entertainer should contain an ending time that coincides with your shut down time. If your City Council approves an ordinance that gives permission for an outdoor beverage garden, then that ordinance must contain the same shut down time. The ordinance must state that activities have to move indoors. RAGBRAI needs a copy of this document on file.

If you feel comfortable working with us with regard to the above request, we ask that you please sign below and return this agreement. Please let us know as well if you feel that you cannot comply. **We need to receive your response no later than Wednesday, February 25, 2015 to be included on this year's RAGBRAI route.**

YES - We agree to shut down at 3:00:00 PM

NO - We do not agree to the above conditions.

Signed this _____ day of February 2015.

REPRESENTATIVE:

DES MOINES REGISTER AND
TRIBUNE COMPANY ("The Register")

BY: _____
SIGNATURE OF REPRESENTATIVE

BY _____
T. J. Juskiewicz, RAGBRAI Director

TITLE

Please sign and return to:
RAGBRAI – 400 Locust Street – Suite 500 Des Moines, IA 50309
Or email to tj@ragbrai.com

RAGBRAI PASS-THROUGH TOWN CO-CHAIRS – 2015

DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 25, 2015

TOWN NAME: _____

CO-CHAIR #1

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ **STATE** _____ **ZIP** _____

DAYTIME PHONE: (_____) _____

CELL PHONE: (_____) _____

EMAIL: _____

CO-CHAIR #2

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ **STATE** _____ **ZIP** _____

DAYTIME PHONE: (_____) _____

CELL PHONE: (_____) _____

EMAIL: _____

Attach addition sheets if more than 2 chairs.

RETURN TO:
RAGBRAI®, 400 Locust Street, Suite 500 Des Moines, IA 50309
Or via E-MAIL: tj@ragbrai.com

HISTORY 2015

DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 25

TOWN NAME: _____ POPULATION: _____

HISTORICAL SITES (Please list and describe.)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

BRIEF HISTORY OF YOUR TOWN (You may attach or use space below.)

Famous Citizens: _____

Infamous Events: _____

Strange Happenings: _____

Interesting Buildings: _____

Amazing Landscape: _____

Interesting community feature/topic for The Des Moines Register and other media:

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