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Naperville City Council
Naperville Municipal Center
400 S. Eagle Street
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Dear Members of the City Council,

On behalf of the Naperville Astronomical Association (NAA), I kindly submit for your consideration a proposed new agreement concerning our continued use of the observatory site at the Springbrook Water Reclamation Center (SWRC).

The NAA has been on the SWRC grounds since 1973. In 2005, we entered into a 20-year license agreement with the City that defines the terms and conditions of the NAA's presence at the SWRC. We are nearing the end of this agreement, and we propose entering a new 20-year license, under the same terms, with the addition of a provision which will allow the City to terminate the license if it were necessary.

The NAA is a 501(c)(3) educational organization, staffed entirely by member volunteers, and provides public, youth, and community programming at no cost. Many thousands of area residents have had the opportunity to experience astronomy at the SWRC facility.

As we mark over 50 years of partnership with the City of Naperville—we wish to express our sincere appreciation for the city's long-standing support of science education, public outreach, and our shared vision of community enrichment.

We look forward to the Council's review of the proposed contract and remain committed to working collaboratively to ensure a continued and mutually beneficial relationship.

Respectfully,

Thomas C. Cole

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Thomas C. Cole", written in a cursive style.

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