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Drew Ridinger
Building & Grounds Director
Madison County
125 W. North Street
Canton, MS 39046

Re: Canton Convention & Visitors Bureau (“**Canton Tourism**”)
Hot Air Balloon on Courthouse Grounds

Dear Mr. Ridinger:

As part of the Mississippi Championship Hot Air Balloon Fest, Canton Tourism intends to have a hot air balloon on the courthouse grounds. The balloon consists of two components: (1) the basket (approximately 250 lbs., to be carried by volunteers or rolled on a 4-wheel dolly on the sidewalk to the inflation location); and (2) the envelope (approximately 220 lbs., to be carried by volunteers to a grassy area and connected to the basket and spread out to be inflated).

No vehicles will drive on the grounds nor will any stakes be driven into the ground. The required crew is usually between 6-8 people (including the pilot). Members of the public will be allowed to approach and ask questions while taking pictures.

Canton Tourism also requests permission to allow visitors access to the courthouse grounds to enjoy live music and the balloon inflation. The County may impose reasonable restrictions (e.g., no tents or coolers, blankets/foldout chairs allowed, etc.) to be included in Canton Tourism’s marketing materials for the event.

As a condition of its use of the courthouse facility for the hot air balloon inflation, Canton Tourism agrees to indemnify and hold harmless Madison County for any injuries or damages caused by these walking tours. Canton Tourism further confirms that it carries liability insurance with coverage in good standing.

If there are any questions or if further information is needed, please let me know.

Sincerely,

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