

Spirit Hound Distillers
4196 Ute Hwy
Lyons CO 80540

To:
Board of Trustees
Town Administrator

3/1/2022

Spirit Hound Distillers is writing to you to request that the Town of Lyons grant to Spirit Hounds 1.4 Lake Macintosh water shares for the purposes of economic development in Lyons CO. The additional water needs from Spirit Hound Distillers is directly related to the increase in production that will directly translate into increased sales tax for Lyons.

Spirit Hounds is requesting these shares be granted from the Town of Lyons based on the lack of clarity around the need for our business to “purchase” Lake Macintosh water shares. The language we were provided references “dedicating” water shares’ but nowhere does it explain that these shares must be purchased. Thus the language in the town documents were interpreted to be less of a financial burden than what is now been separately explained to our business. The amounts needed to purchase water shares have not been budgeted because of the lack of clarity in the documents.

We are requesting the Town of Lyons would grant 1.4 water shares to Spirit Hound Distillers related to the increase of tap size approved. Furthermore, we will financially prepare for future water share purchasing when we move to a 2’ tap requiring an additional 5.6 water shares. We appreciate your consideration for our shared economic improvement goals.

Additionally, it is worth reminding the Town of Lyons staff and Board members that Spirit Hounds invested almost \$10,000 (in the height of COVID) for a test port required by the Town of Lyons that has yet to be used for the past 2 years. We would hope these costly requirements would yield helpful information to the Town of Lyons.

We look forward to discussing the above items with you at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Craig Engelhorn

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Spirit Hound Distillers

Cc:
Matt Rooney
Neil Sullivan