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City of New Braunfels  
550 Landa Street  
New Braunfels, TX 78130

Re: City Block 4061, Lot 31-S 60'

Mr. Mayor and City Council Members,

The Sophienburg Memorial Association has owned the historic Sophienburg Hill site located at 401 West Coll, once the headquarters of Prince Carl and the city's first government building, since 1926 in order to preserve the history of New Braunfels. As the City grows, The Sophienburg Archives and Museum of History must plan for growth to maintain our history for future generations.

Some years ago, The Sophienburg Memorial Association, a 501(c)3 corporation, purchased a property located at 391 Magazine Avenue, adjacent to our other properties, for future museum expansion. The house on the property has since been removed due to disrepair, but the appraised value and property taxes for the vacant property continue to climb, putting quite a strain on our finances.

It is the desire of the Association to re-plat the property and take it into the rest of our non-profit campus, but the platting fees are exorbitant for a non-profit. It is with this intent that we humbly ask that you consider our request to waive the City of New Braunfels' fees for platting, permitting, and other development related processes for the Sophienburg Memorial Association.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "A. T. Noonan", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Andrew T. Noonan  
President