

# Valdez Motor Sports Club 2019 Lease Application

To whom it may concern,

The Valdez Motor Sports Club also known as the Valdez Snowmachine Club will be referred to as the VSC below. As a Non-profit the VSC is comprised of volunteer members whom collectively host events and activities that further our efforts to positively represent motorsports in the Valdez area and the State of Alaska. The VSC is dedicated to promoting and advocating for snowmachine use and activity along with practicing safe riding and avalanche awareness. We maintain a Search and Rescue trailer that is ready to go at a moment's notice. We have successfully rescued several people over the years and stand ready to be called upon today. We also encourage family trail riding and host two very well respected races each year. For almost 20 years the VSC has leased the Valdez Pipe-yard for our events. We have proven ourselves to be good stewards of the land and relationship and hope to continue and increase the benefit our community sees from it.

The numbers below reference the questions from the application.

4. In reference to the acreage amount. We are requesting an increase from 10 acres on the original lease to approximately 52.3 acres as outlined on the attached map. We have received an increased interest in summer time events and having more area to use would increase our options. It would also give us greater latitude in how we route the Mayor's Cup course. As you can see from the attached map the event starts and finishes in the pipe-yard. The course typically exits to the south in a straight manner and while at a minimum we would need a corridor for the trails exit it would simplify course laying within the pipe-yard area to use the natural boundaries provided by fences and brush. The Map of the complete Mayor's Cup course is attached as well so you can see the importance of our ability to exit to the south.

5. To develop, operate and maintain a Motor Sports facility for our club and community in support of the many different motorized interests and needs in our community year-round. This area will provide a dedicated space for events that attract competitors and spectators from around the state. It will also provide a space for community focused events such as youth racing, a staging area for trail rides and cross-country racing, and Search & Rescue training.

The following is a list of needs and interests within the club and community that this lease will enable our club to pursue addressing.

- Infrastructure for the Valdez Motor Sports Club providing the following at one location
  - Staging area for the search and rescue trailer with year-round power and access.
  - Storage for a club event equipment connex and our timing shack trailer
  - Obtain or construct a club house for future meetings, training, and events. \*
  - Construct covered storage to protect club trailers and equipment from elements. \*
  - Erect permanent signage visible from the Richardson highway advertising club activities, opportunities, and events. \*
  - Viewing stands or bleachers temporary or permanent for spectator use\*
  - Restrooms temporary or permanent\*
  - Signage for proper facility access and use.

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- A snow cross track for the winter
- Continued staging and start/finish area for cross country races (Mayor's Cup).
- Various motorsports track's MX, SXS, Mud Pit, Circle tracks or other features that benefit the club, community, and motorsports. These efforts will be volunteer driven and reflective of the interest and desire of the community. \*
- Temporary stands or food trucks during events

\* Construction type and value to be determined by the opportunities and funding available to the club. We will seek to repurpose material where possible and capitalize on volunteer efforts and local partnerships. Construction time will be determined by community need, club member interest as well as opportunities and funding.

(7-9) The VSC hosts two well-known competitive events as well as several community activities in the Valdez area. One of our events is the Valdez Mayor's cup which has traditionally started and finished in the Valdez pipe-yard. We bring racers from all over the state and occasionally out of state to participate in this event. This has provided a proven economic boost to the community as well a popular spectator opportunity during a slower time of year. We have also inherited the kids/youth/120 snowmachine races from Parks & Rec. For the 2021 season insurance costs alone were close to \$4k for the kid's races. These are very popular in the community and the city has committed funds for 2022 to help support them. It seems counterproductive to turnaround and pay the funds the city is supporting us with back to the city as property tax or fees. The VSC can operate as leanly as it does by minimizing overheads and focusing on putting every dollar, we bring in towards enhancing our events and capabilities that benefit our members and community. I am hoping that the social and economic benefits our events and organization provides to the community are considered and somehow credited against the fees and taxes normally applied to a for-profit business applying for a lease.

Thank you,  
Ken Lares  
President  
VSC