

Request for Three-Year Contract Extension

Thursday, September 11, 2025

To: County Commissioners, Alpena County

From: Alpena Rink Management LLC (Jeremy Winterstein & Jessica Henry)

Subject: Request for Three-Year Extension of Lease Agreement for 751 Woodward Ave, Alpena, MI 49707 (Northern Lights Arena)

Dear County Commissioners,

Alpena Rink Management LLC respectfully requests a three-year extension of the current contract with Alpena County to lease the property at 751 Woodward Ave, Alpena, MI 49707, for the continued operation of Northern Lights Arena.

Over the past five years, the partnership between Alpena Rink Management LLC and Alpena County has resulted in significant growth and success for Northern Lights Arena and the Alpena community. Participation in youth sports has increase each year, and adult activities have also seen steady growth. During the off-season, we have continued to engage with the community through a variety of events, ensuring that the arena remains a vibrant hub for Alpena residents year-round.

A recent example of our commitment to the community was during the Michigan ice storm in March 2025. As the storm caused widespread power outages and disruptions, Northern Lights Arena opened its doors to those in need, provide a safe place for people to shower and warm up once power was restored to our building. This effort demonstrated our dedication to supporting Alpena residents not only through recreation but also in times of crisis.

Our commitment to the success of Northern Lights Arena and to our partnership with Alpena County remains unwavering. The relationship between the arena and the county has never been stronger, and we are dedicated to building on this foundation in the years ahead.

We respectfully request the opportunity to continue operating under the current contract terms for an additional three years. We look forward to further strengthening our partnership and contributing to the growth and vitality of the Alpena community.

Sincerely,

Alpena Rink Management LLC

Jeremy Winterstein & Jessica Henry