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City of Ames
515 Clark Ave
Ames, IA 50010

To Mayor/City Council:

I request your approval to install a private above-ground 1,000 gallon fuel system at the hangar I own on Ames airport in order to meet my growing business and personal needs. This fuel tank will be for self-service only and will not compete with local FBO services. With higher fuel prices and lack of twenty-four hour availability, my fuel is currently purchased at Northfield Airport in Johnston where I am a member. With four airplanes based in Ames, this causes an inconvenience for me. Iowa State University has installed an above-ground system with no issues, proving above-ground fuel a sound and viable solution.

Reason for Consideration. I own one of only four private hangars at the Ames airport. I invest considerable money and time maintaining my property and investing in the growth and appearance of the airport. I pay premium rent and taxes but receive few other benefits from someone who just rents a hangar and has no investment in the airport.

Costs/Risks to Ames. There will be no costs or risks to the city. I will assume all costs associated with the implementation and maintenance of self-serve fuel tank at my hangar. I will ensure strict adherence to all standards, regulations and guidelines established by the Federal Aviation Administration, City of Ames and State Fire Marshal codes.

Proposal/Next steps. With your approval, I will install an above-ground 1,000 gallon fuel system, similar to Iowa State University's system at the airport. This addition brings no hassle, risks or costs to the city but will bring additional funding through fuel flowage fees. It also helps retain a small but growing aviation business in Ames. Since I currently do not purchase fuel from the Ames FBO, there is no negative impact on local business.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
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About Half Fast Flying Adventures, LLC

Half Fast Flying Adventures, LLC is a flying museum formed in July 2008 as an Iowa Limited Liability Corporation and is based in Ames, Iowa. The company specializes in providing hands-on war-time aviation experience and warbird flight instruction (e.g., aerobatic training, dual time). Half Fast Flying Adventures, LLC offers exceptionally clean, safe, and appealing vintage aircraft professionally maintained by certified aviation technicians. The founders of Half Fast Flying Adventures, LLC are Brian Aukes and Rachel Aukes of Ankeny, Iowa.