



Greater Owensboro

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August 22, 2005

Owensboro Area Building & Construction Trades
Gary Osborne
2911 West Parrish Avenue
Owensboro, KY 42301

Dear Gary,

The Board of Directors and Staff of the Chamber of Commerce thank you for your continued support. Your Membership Dues provide the necessary resources to ensure issues regarding your local business are addressed.

Your Membership is up for renewal on September 1, 2005. We encourage you to recommit yourself to your business goals and keep your membership active. For your convenience, a copy of the invoice is enclosed with this letter.

Your account information:

Account Number:	4452
Invoice Date:	09/01/2005
Invoice Number:	38748
Invoice Amount:	\$245.00

If you need to review your member privileges in order to understand more fully the value of your investment, please contact me at the office (270) 926-1860, ext. 227 or email me at kcain@owensboro.com.

Thank you again for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cheryl Contratto".

Cheryl Contratto
Membership Manager

OWENSBORO AREA BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION TRADES COUNCIL AFL-CIO

Pat Barron, Jr.
Asbestos Workers
Local 37



Jim Porter
Boilermakers Local 40

August 26, 2005

Eric Hamberg
Bricklayers Local 4

Ms. Cheryl Contratto, Membership Manager
Greater Owensboro Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 825
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Steve Barger
KSDCC

Gary Osborne
Electrical Workers 1701

Jack Hoalt
Glaziers Local 1165

RE: Membership Dues

Howard Hughes
I.U.O.E. Local 181

Dear Ms. Contratto:

Keith Wiggins
Ironworkers
Local 103

I am in receipt of your August 22, 2005 invoice regarding the renewal of membership dues for our organization, the Owensboro Area Building and Construction Trades Council, for the upcoming year. You state that the membership dues are necessary resources to ensure issues regarding your local business are addressed. Along with membership in the Chamber, a business, including our Council, receives certain privileges.

Jerry Payne
Laborers' Local 1392

Barry Russell
Laborers' Local 561

Steve Richards
Millwright Local 1080

Our Organization would like to remain a part of the local Chamber. We would like to take full advantage of the benefits that are offered to its membership. These benefits include: Networking Opportunities, listing on the Chamber website, member only referrals, advertising in the monthly newsletter, training seminars, round table discussions, governmental relations, business resource center, community resource center and also your member advantage program, just to name a few.

Stephen Shofstall
Painters Local 156

Paul Sowders
Plasters & Cement
Masons 566

Bruce Wimsatt
Plumbers & Pipefitters
Local 633

Prior to our payment of membership dues, we would like to inquire of the possibility of remaining a member of the Greater Owensboro Chamber of Commerce without paying our membership dues. In other words, can we remain a member, take full advantage of the Chamber benefits, receive the member discount, without paying membership dues.

Bill Alexander
Roofers, Waterproofers &
Allied Workers Local 106

Steve Bryant
Sheet Metal Workers
Local 20

I would request your reply in writing due to the fact that the membership of the Council will be making the decision to renew membership. Your immediate response would be greatly appreciated.

Gary Stevens
Sheet Metal Workers
Local 110

Sincerely,

Dave Durr
Road Sprinkler Fitters
Local 669

Gary D. Osborne
Secretary / Treasurer

Bobby Mayhugh
Teamsters Local 215

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September 8, 2005

Gary D. Osborne
Secretary/Treasurer
Owensboro Area Building and Construction Trades
2911 West Parrish Ave.
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Gary,

We received your letter dated August 26th to Cheryl Contratto regarding your Chamber membership and your request for the union to not pay the \$245 annual dues but still retain member status.

It would be against Chamber by-laws and policy to consider any organization or business a member without dues being paid. The vast majority of the Chamber's annual revenues come from member dues, and it would be unfair to the other 850+ members to allow an organization not paying dues to be included in member benefits.

We hope you find Chamber membership valuable enough to pay your dues investment of \$245. Please feel free to call me at 926-1860 with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jody Wassmer".

Jody Wassmer
Executive Vice President

c: Gary Smith, 2005 Chamber of Commerce board chairman
Cheryl Contratto, membership manager

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Dear Mr. Wassmer:

Keith Wiggins
Ironworkers
Local 103

I am in receipt of your letter dated September 8, 2005 informing our Council of the requirement to pay Membership Dues to your Organization in order to participate and receive the benefits. Our Council, composed of Building and Trade labor organizations, certainly has no problem with the requirement of paying the required dues in order to receive benefits of an organization. We certainly adopt the Greater Owensboro Chamber of Commerce policy of a pay to play membership and agree that it would be unfair to other Chamber members who pay their required dues and allow other organizations to freeloader. As these types of policies are sure to be attacked in future legislative sessions, and now knowing your organizations position, perhaps we may work together to fight off legislation that allow freeloaders to participate in organizations without paying the required dues.

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Steve Richards
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Painters Local 156

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Masons 566

Enclosed please find a check from the Owensboro Area Building and Construction Trades Council in the amount of \$245.00 for our membership dues. Again, I appreciate your timely response to my August 26, 2005 letter and look forward to working with you in the future.

Bruce Wimsatt
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