City of Benson
City Council Communication

Regular Meeting **December 14, 2015**

To: Mayor and Council Agenda Item # 8

From: William D. Stephens, City Manager

Subject:

Discussion and possible action regarding the purchase of a mascot suit for the City of Benson

Discussion:

This item is on the agenda at the request of Councilmember Lambert.

Staff Recommendation:

Council pleasure

Hello, 12/05/2015

I have provided a reference sheet with details of the product, and a blank non annotated version.

I have also provided some samples of the fur colors and optional detail items.

My prices start at $1,100 for a full mascot. And comes with a Resin head blank, air flow fan, movable jaw, and a lifetime warranty on stitching and Maker error. (stitching coming loose, popped seams, and or any other issue that is a result in maker error)

I provide alterations for my costumes for at cost price and will need at least 1 month to make the adjustments needed. (At cost is for the materials used,)

I can have the Mascot finished with in or around 6 (six) Months' time after full payment (if payment plan is agreed upon) is made.

I will not start work until final payment is made nor will I purchase the necessary items until final payment is made.

Items I will need from commissioner of Mascot:

*Pair of shoes that will be worn by the wearer

*A Duct Tape Dummy of the wearer

A Duct tape Dummy is what I make my pattern from. It is the fastest and most reliable way to get a proper and comfortable fit. I have provided a How to sheet on how to make one.

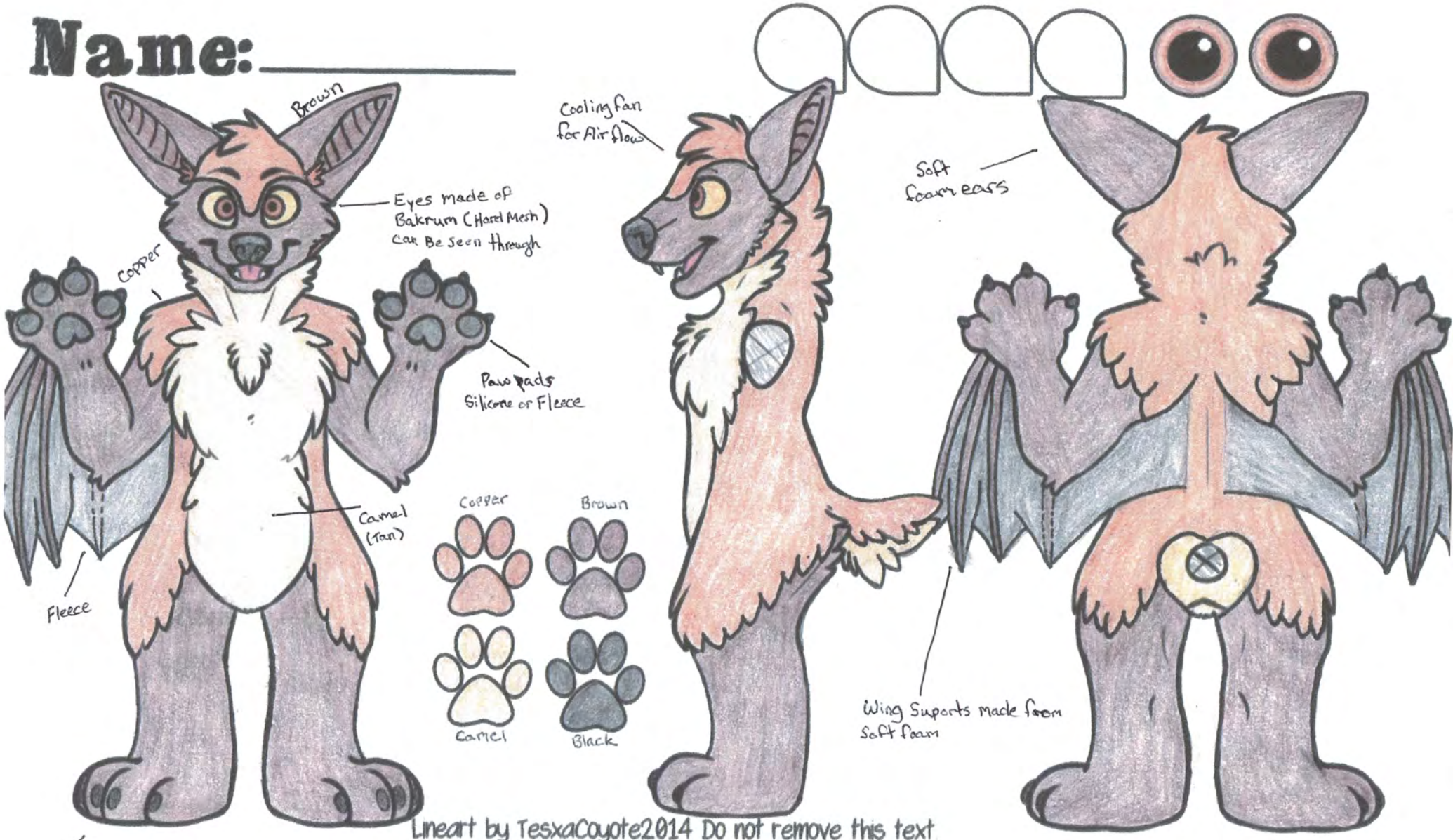
Please feel free to contact me directly if you have any questions at

520-720-6036 or by cell at 520-686-1837

Thank you,

Jessica Craig.

Name:_____



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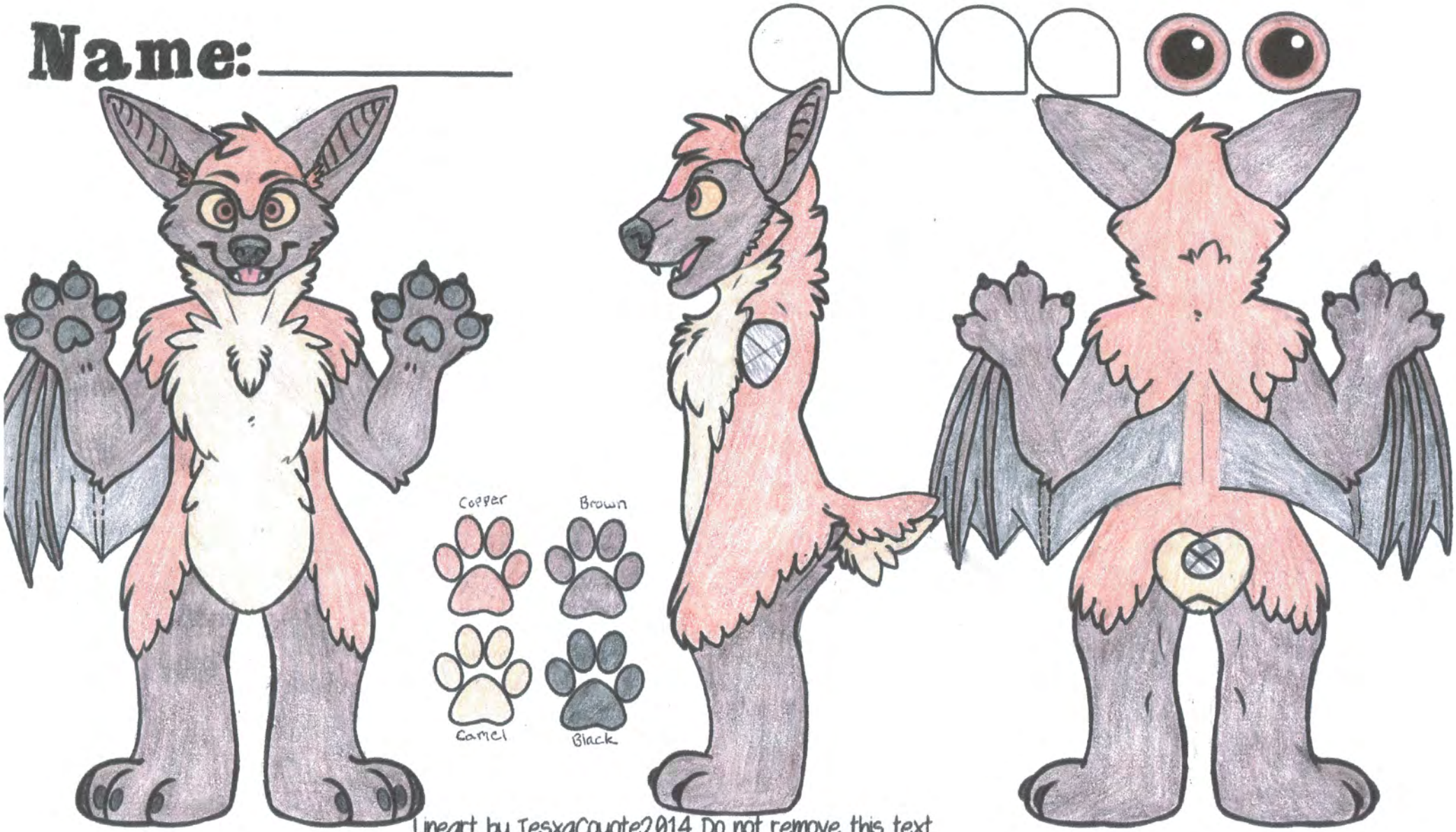

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Duct Tape Dummy Guide

What is a Duct Tape Dummy(DTD)?

It is a fast cheap way of getting a template of your body. Made from taping up about 80% of your body. This is done by wearing coveralls or any sort of unimportant clothing, and by taping your torso, and limbs. This ensures a correctly made body made just for you! This is required for all full suits. Partials do NOT need a DTD.

What will you need?

-Scissors (medical scissors work best)
-duct tape
-coveralls (pajamas, or old clothes work as well) Do NOT use any stretchy material.
-A friend, the more the merrier!
-Paper Towels, just in case

Step 1:Coveralls and Taping

- First put on your coveralls, it is best to wear little clothing underneath . You would not want to risk cutting with scissors. (recommended to just wear your undergarments)

- Next start taping your wrists and ankles. This will prevent the sleeves from shrinking while taping your torso and limbs. Make sure you go all the way down to your ankles and wrists.

- *Helpful TIP Use Pieces of 4-5"inches of tape instead of "mummy"wrapping. This will keep the DTD from being too tight (cutting circulation is bad). Also helps keep accuracy.*
- After you have done your wrists and ankles you will move more to your center. Go around your buttocks area, upper thighs and hips. Then do the same for your chest and upper arms. Slowly start to

- meet in the middle of your arms, legs and torso.
- While taping your limbs try to move around as you go. Lift your arms & legs and bend forward. You shouldn't have too much restriction while creating it. Remember your costume is going to be based off your DTD.
- If your DTD is tight, pulling or snagging in an area you can cut it open and place paper towels in and tape over to make the extra needed room.
- You can do one or two layers of tape. Make sure to get full coverage.

Step 2:Removing

- Before cutting draw lines down the top of your arms and sides of your legs, as well as down your back/belly where you plan to start cutting. This is for your can accurately tape the dummy back up by matching the lines.
- Mark where your belt line is for your tail.
- Mark little circles where you elbows and knees are.
- If there are other important areas you want to mark please feel free to do so.
- NOW carefully snip your friend out. Please do not tear or rip the DTD off

Step 3:What's next?

- On the front or back please write: Your NAME and CHARACTER NAME
- It would be great if you tape up the DTD along the dashed line your friend used to cut you out on.
- Please fold or roll up nicely. They should be quite sturdy if taped up correctly,

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