

MARION COUNTY FAIR POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Sponsoring Department:
Community Services- County Fair

SUBJECT: Designated smoking areas for use of tobacco products and electronic smoking devices on the fairgrounds; and use of marijuana and marijuana byproducts.

1.0 Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to develop guidelines for Marion County fairgoers, staff, vendors and other participants regarding the use of marijuana, tobacco products, and electronic smoking devices at the Marion County Fair (MCF).

2.0 Definitions

Attendee- the public; citizens who have paid for entrance to the fair. MC Fair Officials- Fair Board members, Fair Staff, and Event Coordinators

Fair Partners- Event participants providing an activity; vendors; sponsors; volunteers; demonstrators, etc.

Marijuana – refers to hemp and hemp byproducts (oils, etc.) used for inhalants or ingestion as a narcotic or hallucinogen.

Smoking device- Tools such as pipes and electronic vaping units.

3.0 General Policy

Per Marion County Code 8.75.020 “possession or use of marijuana on property owned or leased by Marion County is prohibited, except where lawfully required as part of the job duties for law enforcement or criminal justice personnel.”

The Marion County Fair will not allow smoking, except in designated outdoor smoking areas. This policy applies at all times and to everyone, including:

- a. all Marion County Fair Board members, officers, employees, volunteers and agents;
- b. all vendor employees, volunteers or agents;
- c. event exhibitors and their employees, volunteers or agents;
- d. independent contractors working at the event site;
- e. event performers, participants, or contributors; and
- f. all event attendees.

Designated Outdoor Smoking Areas: The Marion County Fair will permit smoking of tobacco products and vapors that do not contain marijuana or marijuana byproducts, at the following six (6) designated locations within the Marion County Fair. All other areas shall be smoke free. These areas may be relocated or eliminated upon the determination of the Marion County Fair Board; permitted locations will be clearly marked.

- a. Near the 4-H and FFA camping area (1)
- b. Near the fairgrounds sculpture (1)
- c. North-west corner near the staff trailers (1)
- d. Near the beer garden area (when applicable) (1)
- e. South end of the Jackman-long building (1)
- f. Near the LB Day Amphitheater (1)

4.0 Policy Guidelines/Procedures

The Marion County Fair will communicate this Smoking Policy as widely as possible through press releases, website announcements, public service announcements, event materials and instructions, event maps, and all other forms of communication (both internal and external). The Marion County Fair will include notice of the Smoking Policy in the general *Rules Governing* documents given to the various participation areas (Commercial Exhibitors, Authors Table, Rescue Row, etc.) at the beginning of each fair year. Fair partners will relay this information on to their associates.

4.1 The following notice will be placed at all fairground entry gates:

“By entering the Marion County Fair and participating in the activities held herein, you consent to no smoking except in designated areas; marijuana is strictly prohibited in all areas.”

4.2 The Marion County Fair will ensure that numerous easy-to-read posters or signs are posted prominently (including at entrances, exits, and other appropriate areas) to inform all attendees of the policy. The signs will indicate that Smoking is not permitted at the Marion County Fair, except for designated outdoor smoking areas. Signs will be posted to indicate permissible smoking areas.

4.3 Marion County Fair will communicate the Smoking Policy to anyone found smoking in a non-smoking area during set-up, fair time, and break down of the fair. If the person continues to smoke, he or she will be warned that they are no longer welcome on the fairgrounds. It is the responsibility of Marion County Fair officials and volunteers to inform security of individuals who refuse to comply with the Smoking Policy. Vendors will be asked to inform a fair official when witnessing non-compliance to the smoking policy. Failure of a fair partner to take reasonable action when observing non-compliance within their own organization may be taken into consideration when approving future participation requests.

4.4 Comments or concerns regarding the enforcement of the Smoking Policy may be directed to the Marion County Fair Board.

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