

**MARION COUNTY
FAIR POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

Sponsoring Department:
Community Services- County Fair

SUBJECT: Commercial Exhibits Requiring Parental Consent

1.0 Purpose

To define criteria for selecting commercial exhibitors that provide products or services which meet the fair's standards for family decency and/or which may require parental consent for participation of a minor.

2.0 Definition

"Family friendly" is defined as something considered suitable for all members of the average family. In particular anything that it is not considered inappropriate for children, which may imply restrictions on engagement in, or depiction of, nudity, sex, violence, horror, crude language, etc. (*Wikipedia*)

3.0 General Policy

When selecting commercial exhibitors to participate in the annual fair, the Marion County Fair (MCF) endeavors to select exhibitors who promote items that are consistent with the fair's "family friendly" values. Some items or services sold are questionable and subjective in nature as to whether they are "family friendly". The following guidelines set a standard for the selection of commercial exhibitors which are a good fit for the Marion County Fair and give protocol for those requiring parental consent for minors to participate.

4.0 Policy Guidelines/Procedures

General:

- 3.1 The MCF reserves the right to refuse exhibitors and their exhibits which may violate community standards of decency or otherwise infringe upon the rights of MCF personnel, exhibitors, or members of the public. MCF may elect to refuse exhibitor space when deemed unsuitable by management.
- 3.2 Commercial exhibitors shall comply with any laws, rules, regulations and codes of the State of Oregon, Marion County, City of Salem and the MCF that may include, but are not limited to, workers' compensation insurance, health and safety, fire safety and utilities. Exhibitors must provide any licenses and/or permits required for vending their product.
- 3.3 No pornographic, lewd, or "adult only" materials will be allowed to be sold in a commercial exhibitor booth at the MCF.

- 3.4 No illegal substances or devices for using these substances will be allowed for sale in a commercial exhibitor booth at the MCF.
- 3.5 Management reserves the right to ask a vendor to remove questionable or “non-family friendly” products from being displayed up-front where easily visible by minors.

Products/Services Requiring a Parental Consent Form:

- 3.6 Products or services that require parental consent are those which cannot be legally purchased (or sold to) a minor. These may include, but are not limited to, body piercing, body tattooing, and the purchase of devices for using tobacco/alcohol or other substances.
- 3.7 When a parental consent form is required, it must contain a waiver of liability which indemnifies and holds harmless Marion County and the MCF, their employees, officials, agents and volunteers. A copy of this form must be submitted to the Marion County Fair office.
- 3.8 The commercial exhibitor will be responsible for maintaining parental consent records; these must be made available upon request.
- 3.9 MCF reserves the right to determine the most appropriate booth placement of an exhibit that requires a parental consent form for participation by a minor.

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