

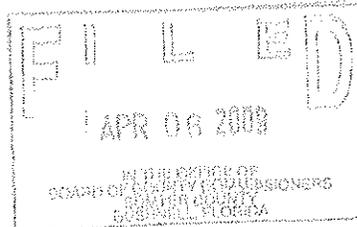
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Mr. Bradley S. Arnold
County Administrator
910 North Main Street
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Re: Sumter County Fair

Dear Mr. Arnold:

The Sumter County Fair Association (hereinafter Association) has requested that I contact you regarding the annual Sumter County Fair sponsored by the Association. Specifically, the Association has two (2) issues of concern. First is the permit that the Association is required to purchase from the County. The second issue concerns the County permitting other carnivals during the week of the Sumter County Fair.

As you know, the annual Sumter County Fair has a longstanding tradition in the County. The event is looked forward to and enjoyed not only by the citizens of Sumter County, but also the surrounding counties. Many of the activities of the Sumter County Fair benefit the residents and youth of the County. The Association is a nonprofit organization. The permit that is required by the County in order to conduct the Sumter County Fair is expensive and reduces the funds available to the Association for its operations. Other counties have exempted local fair associations from paying permitting fees. I have enclosed a copy of the ordinance that exempts the Hernando County Fair Association from paying Hernando's amusement permit. On behalf of the Association, I am requesting that such an ordinance be placed on the County Commissioners' agenda for consideration.

This year, the County granted a permit to a carnival during the week of the Sumter County Fair. The carnival was located across from the Bushnell Wal-Mart and provided food, rides, and activities that were in direct competition with the Sumter County Fair. The Association would greatly appreciate the County Commissioners adopting an ordinance prohibiting permitting such carnivals and amusement shows during the week that the Sumter County Fair is held.

I would appreciate your assistance in this matter and if you should require additional information, please give me a call.

Sincerely,

Felix M. Adams

cc: Members of the Sumter Fair Association Board

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ARTICLE III. PERMIT*

*Cross references: Licenses, permits and miscellaneous business regulations, Ch. 18.

Sec. 5-46. Permits--Required.

(a) No person shall operate, conduct, engage in, or manage any activity described in paragraph (b) of this section within the county, unless such person shall have first obtained a permit from the board of county commissioners, which permit shall be known as an "amusement permit."

(b) Those activities required to have obtained an amusement permit pursuant to paragraph (a) of this section in order to be conducted or operated in the county shall include:

- (1) Amusement or recreational games conducted for profit;
- (2) All riding devices, including merry-go-rounds, ferris wheels, or any other rides or automatic riding devices;
- (3) All concessions, including revolving wheels, corn games, throwing balls, rolling balls, cane racks, knife racks, weighting machines, games or tests of skill or strength;
- (4) Side shows;
- (5) Carnivals;
- (6) All fairs, and any activities associated with fairs.

(Ord. No. 76-1, §§ 1, 2, 1-13-76)

Sec. 5-47. Same--Activities not requiring permit.

Activities associated with the annual county fair conducted by the Hernando County Fair Association are exempt from the provisions of this article. All fairs or exhibitions conducted for purely educational or scientific purposes are exempt from the provisions of this article.

(Ord. No. 76-1, § 3, 1-13-76)

Sec. 5-48. Same--Regulations.

The board of county commissioners shall have the power to adopt, by resolution, regulations concerning the permitting of the activities listed in section 5-46(b), to include fees to be charged for the amusement permit, length of permit, expiration of permit, grounds for issuance or denial of the permit and for revocation of the permit once issued, and all other matters pertaining to a permit system.

(Ord. No. 76-1, § 4, 1-13-76)

Sec. 5-49. Penalty.

A violation of this article shall constitute a misdemeanor and shall be punishable as provided in section 1-8 of this Code for violation of county ordinances.

(Ord. No. 76-1, § 5, 1-13-76)

Secs. 5-50--5-70. Reserved.