

PIERCE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS PROTEST / DEMONSTRATION POLICY

Pierce County embraces the principles of fair speech, peaceable assembly, and the resulting free exchange of ideas. It is also incumbent upon the County to maintain order, integrity, and decorum on the Pierce County Fairgrounds, to insure that fairground activities or events are allowed to proceed without disruption, delay or inappropriate interference. Accordingly, it is the County's intention to allow the sponsored and authorized activities of exhibitors, visitors, workers, and others to take place on the Pierce County Fairgrounds without interference from those who do not agree with their ideas, views or actions, while still allowing opposing views to be heard in a reasonable manner, at a specifically designated location. Those persons wishing to protest or demonstrate for any reason must comply with the following conditions:

- A. The Pierce County Fair Office is the contact agency for person(s) making a request to protest or hold demonstrations on Fairgrounds property. Final approval of a permit for protests or demonstrations shall be determined and issued by the Pierce County Administrative Coordinator. Permits shall be obtained at least forty eight (48) hours in advance of the scheduled activity. Exceptions will be made if the need for the event could not be foreseen.
- B. Such protest or demonstration shall only be allowed to exist outside the Roundbarn, and in the specifically designated areas as determined by the County, and generally as follows: on the Northeast (NE) side of the Roundbarn, on the grass between the road and the electrical building. For more than one group, as determined by the County.
- C. Such protest or demonstration shall only be held at a distance of not less than twenty-five (25) feet from any fairgrounds building entrance.
- D. Such protest or demonstration shall not:
 - impede any pedestrian or vehicular traffic;
 - unreasonably disrupt, obstruct or impair the sponsored and authorized activities;
 - be conducted at undue volume of noise that unreasonably interferes with sponsored and authorized activities;
 - be action that is a clear and present danger of riot, disorder, or interference with sponsored and authorized activities or other immediate threat to public safety; and
- E. This policy is independent of any municipal code, county ordinance or policy concerning the conduct, licensing, or permitting of any such activity.
- F. The County will intervene in the protest or demonstration when laws or this policy are violated, when others are deprived of their rights, or when County operations are disrupted.

If an individual or group fails to follow this policy or violates the law, a County official shall inform the individual or group that their behavior may be unlawful, and will refer the matter to law enforcement.