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FAIR BOARD[371]

Regulatory Analysis

Notice of Intended Action to be published: 371—Chapter 2
"Traffic, Parking and Public Safety"

Iowa Code section(s) or chapter(s) authorizing rulemaking: 173.14, 173.14A(7), and 173.17
State or federal law(s) implemented by the rulemaking: Iowa Code chapter 173

Public Hearing

A public hearing at which persons may present their views orally or in writing will be held as follows:

December 1, 2026
11 to 11:30 a.m.

teams.microsoft.com/meet/284948346636326?p=3dtap1LeQ4hdthk7kH
Meeting ID: 284 948 346 636 326
Passcode: so2iy3TJ

Public Comment

Any interested person may submit written comments concerning this Regulatory Analysis, which must be received by the Iowa State Fair Board no later than 4:30 p.m. on the date of the public hearing. Comments should be directed to:

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Purpose and Summary

This proposed chapter describes the rules established for the regulation and control of traffic, parking and safety on the Iowa State Fairgrounds. The proposed chapter was reviewed as part of the Red Tape Review process laid out in Executive Order 10. As a result of this review, restrictive terms were removed, areas that were duplicative were combined or eliminated, and updates were made to processes and procedures to ensure they reflect current policies and procedures.

Analysis of Impact

1. **Persons affected by the proposed rulemaking:**

- **Classes of persons that will bear the costs of the proposed rulemaking:**

There are no costs associated with this proposed rulemaking.

- **Classes of persons that will benefit from the proposed rulemaking:**

Persons who participate in or attend the Fair will benefit from having clear, concise, and accurate rules that comply with the Iowa Code.

2. **Impact of the proposed rulemaking, economic or otherwise, including the nature and amount of all the different kinds of costs that would be incurred:**

- **Quantitative description of impact:**

This rulemaking will have little impact and no cost since the changes are minimal.

- **Qualitative description of impact:**

This rulemaking will have little impact and no cost since the changes are minimal.

3. **Costs to the State:**

- **Implementation and enforcement costs borne by the agency or any other agency:**

No costs are expected.

- **Anticipated effect on State revenues:**

There is no anticipated effect on State revenues.

4. **Comparison of the costs and benefits of the proposed rulemaking to the costs and benefits of inaction:**

The benefit will be an updated chapter revised in compliance with Executive Order 10 and the current Iowa Code.

5. **Determination whether less costly methods or less intrusive methods exist for achieving the purpose of the proposed rulemaking:**

Not applicable.

6. **Alternative methods considered by the agency:**

- **Description of any alternative methods that were seriously considered by the agency:**

Not applicable.

- **Reasons why alternative methods were rejected in favor of the proposed rulemaking:**

There are no alternatives because this revision is required by Executive Order 10.

Small Business Impact

If the rulemaking will have a substantial impact on small business, include a discussion of whether it would be feasible and practicable to do any of the following to reduce the impact of the rulemaking on small business:

- Establish less stringent compliance or reporting requirements in the rulemaking for small business.
- Establish less stringent schedules or deadlines in the rulemaking for compliance or reporting requirements for small business.
- Consolidate or simplify the rulemaking's compliance or reporting requirements for small business.
- Establish performance standards to replace design or operational standards in the rulemaking for small business.
- Exempt small business from any or all requirements of the rulemaking.

If legal and feasible, how does the rulemaking use a method discussed above to reduce the substantial impact on small business?

There is no expected impact on small business.

Text of Proposed Rulemaking

ITEM 1. Rescind 371—Chapter 2 and adopt the following **new** chapter in lieu thereof:

CHAPTER 2
TRAFFIC, PARKING AND PUBLIC SAFETY

371—2.1(173) Purpose. The purpose of these rules is to provide for the regulation and control of traffic, parking and safety on the Iowa state fairgrounds.

371—2.2(173) Definitions. For the purpose of these rules, the following definitions shall apply:

"Board" as used in rules of the fair board means "Iowa state fair board."

"Fairgrounds" as used in rules of the fair board means "Iowa state fairgrounds."

"Secretary" as used in rules of the fair board means the secretary/manager of the Iowa state fair board or persons employed or designated by the board to perform any function or duty of the secretary.

371—2.3(173) General traffic.

2.3(1) *Traffic violations.* These rules shall not apply to moving traffic violations on the fairgrounds. Such violations will be charged and prosecuted as violations of Iowa Code chapter 321.

2.3(2) *Speed limits.* The secretary shall authorize the erection of speed limit signs on the fairgrounds designating maximum speed limits as deemed necessary and appropriate. Unless otherwise posted, year-round speed limit will be 20 miles per hour.

2.3(3) *Traffic restrictions.* Vehicles may be restricted or prohibited year-round on any street or area of the fairgrounds when, in the opinion of the secretary, it will facilitate the handling of traffic.

2.3(4) *Traffic signs.* The secretary shall authorize the erection of traffic control signs, gates, barricades and devices deemed necessary and appropriate on the fairgrounds.

371—2.4(173) Parking control.

2.4(1) *Authorized parking.* The secretary shall authorize that certain areas be set aside and designated as parking facilities for vehicles on the fairgrounds.

2.4(2) *Reserved parking.* The secretary may reserve any part of established parking facilities for the use of visitors, employees, participants or contractors of the board.

2.4(3) *Restricted parking.* The secretary may restrict parking in areas as deemed necessary for loading zones, for service areas or to facilitate traffic. No parking will be permitted in these restricted areas, except as authorized.

2.4(4) *Parking signs.* The secretary shall authorize the erection of signs, gates and devices clearly marking reserved and restricted parking areas.

2.4(5) *Impoundment.* The secretary has the authority to order any vehicle parked on the fairgrounds in violation of these rules to be either impounded or removed, or both. A reasonable fee may be charged for the cost of impoundment and storage. This fee must be paid prior to the release of the vehicle.

371—2.5(173) Public safety—weapons. The carrying or possession by any person other than a person described in Iowa Code section 724.2 of any weapon, such as a dirk, dagger, hunting knife, buck knife, switch blade, or any knife with a blade of three inches in length or longer; pistol; revolver; rifle; shotgun; pellet or BB gun; blackjack; billy club; or any other weapon is prohibited on the fairgrounds unless authorized by the board. Failure to comply with this rule shall be cause for expulsion from the fairgrounds or being charged under Iowa Code chapter 724. Kitchen knives and others purchased at the fair must be wrapped and not concealed.

371—2.6(173) Alcoholic beverages. Alcoholic beverages may be consumed only in areas and during hours designated by or as authorized in writing by the board.

These rules are intended to implement Iowa Code sections 173.14 and 173.15.