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FAIR BOARD[371]

Regulatory Analysis

Notice of Intended Action to be published: 371—Chapter 3
"Campgrounds"

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.

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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 of the campgrounds at 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:**

Individuals who utilize the campgrounds will pay the fees necessary for the Fair Board to provide a safe and functioning facility.

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

Iowans who camp at the Iowa State Fairgrounds will benefit from having clear, concise, and accurate rules. Individuals using the Fairgrounds will also experience a cleaner, safer, and better-functioning environment.

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:**

A small fee will have to be paid by any person using the campgrounds.

- **Qualitative description of impact:**

This rulemaking will have a minor effect on people's access to the campgrounds because there will be a cost associated with camping.

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 clearer guidelines for Iowans who enjoy the campgrounds at the Fair. The fee will also ensure that the Fair's campgrounds are safe and fully functioning.

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 3 and adopt the following **new** chapter in lieu thereof:

CHAPTER 3
CAMPGROUNDS

371—3.1(173) Camping facilities available. Camping facilities will be available to the public in the campgrounds area of the fairgrounds or as designated.

3.1(1) Camping overnight is permitted only in designated areas.

3.1(2) The campgrounds are available for camping during the annual fair and for interim camping; exact dates will be determined by the fair board.

371—3.2(173) Registration. Camping fees will be set and published annually by the Iowa state fair board.

3.2(1) There will be no refunds of money paid for campsites.

3.2(2) The reselling or subletting of a campsite is prohibited.

371—3.3(173) Parking and traffic. The secretary shall employ those persons necessary to direct all traffic and parking in the campground.

3.3(1) All parking must be in designated campsite areas or in a designated area.

3.3(2) Drainage water or sewage shall not be disposed of on the surface of the grounds.

3.3(3) Excessive noise that disturbs other campers shall not be allowed in the campground.

371—3.4(173) Violation of rules. Violation of any rules may be grounds for revocation of all campground permits and immediate expulsion from the grounds for the remainder of the fair or indefinitely without refunds.

These rules are intended to implement Iowa Code section 173.14.