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FAIR BOARD[371]

Regulatory Analysis

Notice of Intended Action to be published: 371—Chapter 5
"Youth Housing and Dining Hall"

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 outlines the rules and regulations governing the Youth Inn at the Iowa State Fair. 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 that 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:**

4-H and FFA exhibitors staying overnight in Youth Inn will be responsible for paying a nominal fee to ensure a safe and functioning lodging arrangement.

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

4-H and FFA exhibitors staying overnight in Youth Inn will benefit from having clear, concise, and accurate rules. The exhibitors will also experience a safer and better-functioning lodging arrangement.

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 assess a nominal cost to individuals staying at the Youth Inn.

- **Qualitative description of impact:**

This rulemaking may slightly reduce the number of individuals seeking to stay at the Youth Inn because of the nominal fee.

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 benefits will be an updated chapter revised in compliance with Executive Order 10 and helping keep the Youth Inn a safe and functioning lodging arrangement.

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

CHAPTER 5
YOUTH HOUSING AND DINING HALL

371—5.1(173) Housing.

5.1(1) Youth inn privileges will be available to those 4-H and FFA members and other youth participants, leaders, staff and other fair personnel who will abide by the rules and will cooperate with the state fair management and youth inn supervisors.

5.1(2) 4-H and FFA exhibitors staying overnight on the fairgrounds are to sleep in the youth inns unless the exhibitors are staying with parents. Chaperones accompanying youth staying at youth inns must sleep in the dorm area assigned to this group. Exhibitors violating this rule will forfeit all rights to show and any premium money previously won. A fee on a per-night basis will be charged for each person.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 173.14 and 173.15.