



Fort Bend County Fairgrounds Security Requirements/Guidelines Acknowledgement Form

Fort Bend County Fire Marshal's Office

Application Information:

- Renter (this must be the same person listed on the Fairgrounds Rental Agreement):

- Contact Information: _____
- Date of Event: _____
- Type of Event: _____
- Start of Event: _____ am/pm End of Event: _____ am/pm
- Total hours: _____
- Will alcohol be served? : Yes _____ No _____
- Will alcohol be sold? Yes _____ No _____
If yes, please attach valid Temporary Beer Permit to this Form. You may obtain an alcohol permit from Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission (TABC).
- Number of Guests: _____

This Acknowledgement Form is provided to Renter to maintain life safety (Fire Code) and security for County property and for individuals utilizing the spaces for rent.

Security:

The Fort Bend County Fire Marshal's Office is the security authority for the Fairgrounds. The Renter is responsible for contacting the Fire Marshal's Office and for providing and making payment to the Fire Marshal's Office for all Officers required or present at the event. All Officers will be assigned by the Fire Marshal's Office. Private Security Officers hired by Renter will not be allowed. It is a condition of rental that Renter contacts the Fort Bend County Fire Marshal's Office at 281-238-1500 at least fourteen (14) days in advance for a determination of security requirements and completion of the Fire Marshal. Exceptions to the fourteen (14) day deadline may be made where extenuating circumstances exist and based on availability. Once an assignment has been made, Renter will receive confirmation by email. The current rate for Officers is \$35 per hour per Officer (\$45 per hour for County holidays) **paid at the time of service by cash/money order/cashier's check**. Officer(s) must be on duty at all times during Renter's event. At the Officer's discretion any or all Officers hired may remain on duty for as long as the Officer deems necessary. Renter will be responsible for any additional time as determined by the Officer. A hired Officer is required any time where there is a concern for public safety as determined by the Fire Marshal's Office or assigned Officer or whenever alcohol is being consumed. **NO** alcohol may be consumed on premises until an Officer is present and on duty. The Fort Bend County Fire Marshal's Office is responsible for determining the number of Officers required for each event and may choose to increase the number of Officers for any event at any time due to security concerns. All additional Officers will be at the expense of the Renter at the current rate per hour. If the Officer does not arrive at the scheduled time, please contact the Fire Marshal's Office at 281-642-4261 or Non-Emergency Dispatch at 281-341-4665. The number of hours reserved by the Renter will be used to calculate the cost of security, based on hourly rates set above. Renters are required to make payment at the end of the

Rental period directly to the Officer in charge. Renter should keep in mind that fees may increase should the event last longer than expected or if the Officer deems that additional security will be needed.

Life Safety/Fire Marshal:

Fort Bend County Fire and Life Safety Code shall be enforced at all events; in addition, any requirements listed on this form shall also be enforced.

Fire Code enforcement:

- **Exits:** All exit doors, emergency doors, entrances to lobbies, corridors, walkways and fire extinguisher access shall not be blocked. Emergency exit doors shall be used for emergencies only.
- **Fire Lanes/Exit Egress:** An accessible and unblocked fire lane shall be maintained to all fire hydrants. All marked fire lanes will be kept open at all times.
- **Electrical Conduits:** Nothing shall be attached by Renter to electrical conduits. Any event needing electrical tie-in requires prior approval from the Fairgrounds Manager and a licensed electrician. Electricians utilized must be a County approved vendor. Scheduling and cost for a licensed electrician's review is the responsibility of the Renter.
- **Cooking:** Cooking is allowed only in designated areas and must receive prior approval from the Fairgrounds Manager and Fire Marshal's Office
Exceptions: If cooking is to be conducted in any area other than normal areas utilized for cooking, the Renter must receive prior approval from the Fire Marshal to allow cooking in this area. The Renter will be responsible for providing and paying for an on-duty Officer from the Fire Marshall's Office to provide for supervision of cooking in any area not normally used for cooking. In addition to Fire Code/Security, only prior approved portable cooking equipment may be used. If food will only be heated and not cooked, then there is no requirement for an Officer to be present at the cooking site, but all equipment must still be approved by the Officer prior to use to ensure safe operation. Approved Cooking Equipment: LP-gas fueled cooking appliances must meet the requirements of NFPA 58. All Charcoal and oil needs to be discarded in County approved containers.
- **Candles:** shall be permitted to be used on food service tables if securely supported on substantial non-combustible bases located so as to avoid danger of ignition of combustible materials and only with prior approval from the Fire Marshal's Office.
- **Building Capacities:** Building Capacities of all facilities or buildings are clearly posted in each building and will be enforced by the Fire Marshal/Security at all events. It is the Renter's responsibility to conform to these capacity ratings.

An Officer shall have the right to end any event at the Officer's discretion.

I (the Renter) have read and understood all requirements listed on this Form and agree to abide by them in their entirety. I further acknowledge and agree that I will be financially responsible for any and all damages that may occur during my use of the Fairgrounds, regardless of who actually caused the damage.

Applicant's Signature

Printed Name

Date