

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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7 An Act relating to the State Capitol; requiring prior
8 written approval of events and exhibits to be held in
9 certain areas; providing procedures; specifying
10 duties of Office of Management and Enterprise
11 Services; requiring certain notice; providing for
12 codification; and declaring an emergency.

13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

14 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
15 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 20 of Title 73, unless there is
16 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

17 A. All events, exhibits and art exhibits by any individual or
18 group to be held in the public areas of the State Capitol or plazas,
19 whether for a public or private purpose, shall require prior written
20 approval of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services.

21 B. A sponsor shall submit an application for a reservation
22 together with payment for any applicable fees to the Office at least
23 ten (10) working days but no more than six (6) months prior to the
24 beginning date of the proposed event or exhibit. The application

1 must be submitted during the Office's business hours of 8:00 a.m.
2 and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding state holidays.

3 C. The application shall specify the desired date, time period,
4 public use area and a description of the event or exhibit. The
5 Office may request additional information as determined necessary to
6 facilitate the reservation.

7 D. The Office may impose conditions and time limitations
8 pursuant to its rules and state law.

9 E. If the Office denies a request for a reservation, the Office
10 shall issue written notice to the requesting sponsor indicating the
11 reasons for denial. Reservation requests which indicate that the
12 sponsor may allow or encourage conduct that is violent, threatening,
13 abusive or obscene, or that jeopardizes the safety of self or others
14 shall not be approved by the Office.

15 F. Except as otherwise provided by its rules or by law, the
16 Office shall issue approved reservations on a first-come, first-
17 served basis and may limit the number of reservations in the public
18 areas or plazas.

19 G. Reservations authorize events only in the public areas or
20 plazas specified in the approved application. Event participants
21 shall not block or inhibit passage through the Capitol public areas
22 or plaza common areas, sidewalks, hallways, aisles or passageways.

SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby
declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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