128-4-02 Capitol buildings or grounds use: general rules.

- (A) Capitol buildings or grounds are available for use by the public for the purpose of governmental business, public meetings for free discussion of public questions, or for activities of a broad public purpose, provided the authorized procedure has been followed and appropriate approvals have been received, if such use:
 - (1) Does not interfere with the primary use of the capitol buildings or grounds;
 - (2) Is appropriate to the physical context of the capitol buildings or grounds;
 - (3) Does not unduly burden the managing authority;
 - (4) Is not a hazard to the safety of the public or state employees; and
 - (5) Does not expose the state to the likelihood of expenses and/or damages which cannot be recovered.
- (B) The use of <u>eapitalcapitol</u> buildings or grounds shall be denied for any activity conducted purely for profit or any activity inconsistent with or in violation of local, state or federal laws, rules or regulations.
- (C) There shall be equal access for all groups in the use of capitol buildings or grounds regardless of race, religion, color, national origin, sex or handicap.
- (D) Capitol buildings or grounds shall be available for use on any day of the week between the hours of seven a.m. to twelve a.m.midnight. There shall be no allowance for camping on the statehouse grounds.
- (E) The board reserves the right to limit the use of capitol buildings or grounds, at any time, due to unforeseen operational circumstances. Every reasonable effort will be made to alleviate the effects of any such limitation.
- (F) The permit holder shall maintain the capitol buildings or grounds in a responsible manner during the term of the permit keeping them clean and free of debris. The permit holder will be responsible for any actual costs or damages incurred by the board as a result of the use of capitol buildings or grounds.
- (G) No smoking shall be permitted within the capitol buildings.
- (H) The issuance of a permit by the board for use of capitol buildings or grounds shall not imply endorsement or approval by the state of Ohio of the actions, objectives, or

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views of the permit holder.

(I) These rules may be waived by the board, with the approval of the board, for good cause shown. Any person wishing to obtain a waiver of these rules must contact the board, in writing, within a reasonable time in advance of the event.

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