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## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Ohio Department of Agriculture will hold a public hearing for the purpose of accepting testimony on the proposed amendments made to Chapter 901:9-2 of the Ohio Administrative Code.

The rules in this package regulate "concessions" at fairs and expositions operated by county and independent agricultural societies. Concessions are defined as shows, games, or novelty stands which take place at these county fairs. Classic examples of these games can be found at a fairs "Midway" such as the milk bottle ball game, pop bottle ball game, and the bank-a-ball game. Pursuant to Chapter 1711 of the Ohio Revised Code ("ORC"), it is the Department's regulatory mission to protect the public from dishonest and fraudulent dealings with regards to concessions. In order to accomplish this mission, the Department has created a specific set of administrative code rules which outline the way each game shall be played, the manner in which prizes are offered and displayed, and the signage requirements for each game.

The hearing will be held on:

February 9, 2017 at 9:00 A.M.

Ohio Department of Agriculture Bromfield Administration Building Hearing Room 133 (Seminar "B") 8995 East Main Street Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068-3399.

The hearing will be conducted in accordance with Chapter 119 of the Revised Code. Any person affected by the no change rule package may appear and be heard in person, by his attorney, or both, may present his position, arguments, or contentions, orally or in writing, offer and examine witnesses, and present evidence tending to show that the no change rule package, if adopted or effectuated, will be unreasonable or unlawful.

More information on the rule package, including a business impact analysis and copies of the rules, can be found at <a href="http://www.agri.ohio.gov/proposedrules/proposedrules.aspx">http://www.agri.ohio.gov/proposedrules/proposedrules.aspx</a> or by visiting the Register of Ohio at <a href="http://www.registerofohio.state.oh.us">www.registerofohio.state.oh.us</a>.

Any person who wishes to present his position, arguments, or contentions in writing, other than at the public hearing, may do so by either mailing his or her written comments to the Ohio Department of Agriculture, c/o Legal Section, 8995 East Main Street, Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068; by email at <a href="mailto:ecomments@agri.ohio.gov">ecomments@agri.ohio.gov</a>, or by transmitting by facsimile at (614) 995-4585. Written comments sent by mail shall be postmarked no later than the day of the hearing. Written comments transmitted by facsimile shall be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on the day of the hearing.



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