

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Ohio Department of Agriculture will hold a public hearing for the purpose of accepting testimony on the proposed amendments made to the amusement ride safety rules located in the Ohio Administrative Code.

Amusement Ride Safety Rules:

The following rules have been amended to correct cross-references to the Revised Code within the rule and the supplemental information provided on the last page of each final published rule:

- Rule 901:9-1-02 sets forth the powers of the Director as provided for by statute.
- Rule 901:9-1-03 sets forth prohibitions against interference with an inspector of amusement rides and details when an amusement ride may be operated.
- Rule 901:9-1-04.1 establishes ride categories for fatigue and corrosion review, fatigue and corrosion review protocols, and effective dates for the implementation of corrosion review.
- Rule 901:9-1-04.2 outlines the frequency of inspections the department must conduct and the number of inspectors, based on the categorization of rides established in rule 901:9-1-04.1 of the Administrative Code.
- Rule 901:9-1-06 sets forth operation procedures for amusement rides and devices.
- Rule 901:9-1-06.1 reiterates that inflatable amusement devices are an amusement ride subject to the rules of this chapter.
- Rule 901:9-1-07 sets forth sign requirements for amusement rides and devices.
- Rule 901:9-1-08 sets standards of terms relating to amusement rides or devices.
- Rule 901:9-1-09 sets the schedule of fines for violations of Chapter 1711 of the Revised Code and the rules in Chapter 901:9-1 of the Administrative Code.
- Rule 901:9-1-23 outlines the requirements for a permit application.
- Rule 901:9-1-47 exempts rides which are powered solely through a three-prong plug connected to an existing and permanent 110-volt outlet.

The following rules have no amendments to the rule and will only have amendments to the supplemental information provided on the last page of each final published rule:

- Rule 901:9-1-04 requires inspection of amusement rides and devices to be conducted by the department.
- Rule 901:9-1-14 sets the standards for water quality in aquatic devices that treat water chemically.
- Rule 901:9-1-14.1 regulates ultraviolet disinfection systems for full body contact aquatic devices.
- Rule 901:9-1-21 establishes the purpose of rules 901:9-1-21 to 901:9-1-41 is to set standards that must be met for the operation of bungee jumps.



- Rule 901:9-1-22 outlines the definitions as used in rule 901:9-1-21 to 901:9-1-41 of the Administrative Code.
- Rule 901:9-1-24 regulates the amount of safety space between the bottom of the jump zone and the ground or water level.
- Rule 901:9-1-25 outlines the safe working load of the jump platform.
- Rule 901:9-1-26 sets forth requirements for the operation of a bungee jump lowering system.
- Rule 901:9-1-27 outlines the safety regulations for cranes used in the bungee jump operation.
- Rule 901:9-1-28 outlines safety regulations for suspended personnel platforms which are used as bungee jump platforms.
- Rule 901:9-1-29 outlines bungee cord safety requirements.
- Rule 901:9-1-30 outlines safety requirements for jumper harnesses and hardware.
- Rule 901:9-1-31 sets forth testing and inspection requirements for jump rigging, harnesses, lowering systems, and safety gear.
- Rule 901:9-1-32 requires replacement parts for certain pieces of equipment to be on site at all times.
- Rule 901:9-1-33 sets forth identification requirements of equipment, rigging, bungee cords, and other safety equipment.
- Rule 901:9-1-34 sets forth safety regulations for the landing area of all bungee jump operations.
- Rule 901:9-1-35 outlines the requirements of the bungee jump site.
- Rule 901:9-1-36 establishes physical requirements of the jumper.
- Rule 901:9-1-37 outlines educational and training requirements of the jump master and staff.
- Rule 901:9-1-38 sets forth the requirements of the site operating manual.
- Rule 901:9-1-39 outlines requirements for emergency provisions and procedures.
- Rule 901:9-1-40 sets forth prohibited activities at a bungee jump operation.
- Rule 901:9-1-41 outlines safety requirements for nets as used in bungee jump operations.
- Rule 901:9-1-42 defines terms used in rules 901:0-1-42 to 901:9-1-46 of the Administrative Code.
- Rule 901:9-1-43 regulates the design and manufacture of concession go karts.
- Rule 901:9-1-44 regulates the design and manufacture of go kart tracks.
- Rule 901:9-1-45 outlines rules for all concession go kart facility operations.
- Rule 901:9-1-46 states that the plans to construct a new go kart track or to make major modifications to an existing tract must be submitted to the department for review and approval.

In addition to the above stated changes, rule 901:9-1-01 of the Administrative Code has been amended to allow additional flexibility in the reporting of itineraries.

- Rule 901:9-1-01 requires an amusement ride be operated only upon issuance of a permit pursuant to section 1711.53 of the Revised Code. Further, the rule defines the process and requirements for the granting of the permit.



The hearing will be held on:

**April 26, 2022 at 3:00 P.M.
Ohio Department of Agriculture
Bromfield Administration Building
Hearing Room 129 (Seminar “A”)
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 <http://www.agri.ohio.gov/proposedrules/proposedrules.aspx> or by visiting the Register of Ohio at www.registerofohio.state.oh.us.

Individuals wishing to listen in during the public hearing may call (614) 721-2972 then enter 73066252#. Testimony will not be received telephonically.

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 ecomments@agri.ohio.gov, 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.

