



INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA
AGENDA ITEM
Assistant County Administrator /
Department of General Services

Date: December 27, 2017

To: The Honorable Board of County Commissioners

Thru: Jason E. Brown, County Administrator

From: Michael C. Zito, Assistant County Administrator

Subject: Fair Associations Request to Amend the Agreement for Use of the Indian River County Fairgrounds

DESCRIPTIONS AND CONDITIONS:

On October 2, 2012, the Board of County Commissioners approved an amendment to Indian River Code Section 205.09 to authorize the sale and consumption of alcohol at the Indian River County Fairgrounds. On January 24, 2017, the Board executed an Agreement with Indian River County Fair Association, Inc., a Florida not-for-profit corporation ("Fair Association") for continued use of the Fairgrounds to hold the annual County Fair ("The Fair Agreement"). The Fair Agreement is silent as to the sale and consumption of alcohol during the Fair. The Fair Association now desires to amend to the Agreement and apply for a permit to sell beer and wine products at the Fair under the appropriate license to be issued by the State of Florida. On March 15, 2016, the Board approved a standard template license agreement for applicants seeking to utilize the Fairgrounds, which includes a process for applying for an alcohol permit pursuant to Code Section 205.08, however; since the Fair is independently authorized by the approved Fair Agreement, the request to amend is properly before the Board for consideration.

ANALYSIS:

On January 3, 2018, the County received email correspondence from the Fair Association requesting approval to amend their Agreement and submit an application to the Parks Division for issuance of a standard alcohol permit in accordance current County Fairgrounds' policy governing events at the Fairgrounds.

According to the attached e-mail from General Manager of Firefighters' Indian River County Fair, they found there are approximately 50 fairs in Florida and of those fairs most sell alcohol. Those fairs with bigger name entertainment rely on those sales of alcohol (usually beer and wine only) to offset their entertainment costs.

FUNDING:

There is no cost to the County associated with this request. In accordance with the approved Fairgrounds policy, the standard daily rate of \$400 paid to the County in advance of issuance of the alcohol permit will apply. The Fair Agreement, in its entirety, will remain in full force and effect.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff respectfully recommends that the Board decide whether to grant the Fair Association's request to amend the Fair Agreement to allow the Association to apply for a Fairgrounds Alcohol Permit and direct staff accordingly.

ATTACHMENT(s):

-E-mail dated January 3, 2018 received from General Manager, Firefighters' Indian River County Fair

-Fair Agreement dated January 24, 2017

Distribution:

Wayne Howard, General Manager, Firefighters' Indian River County Fair

Dylan Reingold, Indian River County Attorney