Allegan County Policy

Title: Meeting Room Use Policy

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1.0 SUBJECT TITLE: Meeting Room Use

2.0 PURPOSE: To ensure consistent application of the use of meeting room space throughout County-owned facilities.

3.0 ORGANIZATIONS AFFECTED: Administrative Departments, Elected Offices, Outside Agencies

4.0 REFERENCES:

5.0 DEFINITIONS:

5.1. Not-for-Profit Use: An organization with principal offices located within Allegan County holding a current 501c(3) tax-exempt designation from the Internal Revenue Service.

5.2. Government Use: An incorporated municipality within Allegan County, not including components of Allegan County government itself.

5.3. Legislative Body Use: An organization or committee established by resolution by one or more incorporated municipalities within Allegan County.

5.4. Business Meeting: An assembly of the members of an organization to develop, plan, or make arrangements to conduct the mission of the organization. This does not include banquets or social events of the organization.

5.5. Regular Business Day: A day in which the Human Services Building is regularly scheduled to be open for business and between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

6.0 POLICIES:

6.1 DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES OF THE COUNTY
6.1.1 **Locations:** This policy applies to all designated meeting space in County-owned facilities. Facilities within the Allegan County Parks System are specifically exempt from this policy.

6.1.2 **Use:** Departments and Agencies of the County are permitted to schedule the use of meeting room space for their own use in conducting the business of their Department/Agency. Tenants with valid rental agreements which include provisions for meeting room use are permitted to schedule the use of meeting room space for their own use in conducting the business of their Agency and in accordance with their rental agreement.

It is recognized that the Michigan State University Cooperative Extension (MSUE) provides, as a part of its core mission, educational programs through the resources of Michigan State University. Therefore, use of meeting rooms by MSUE to conduct mission-related programs to non-profit entities is considered compliant with this policy.

6.1.1 **Scheduling:** Each meeting room shall have a scheduling agent assigned to coordinate the scheduling. The Department Head of the area where the meeting room is located shall assign the scheduling agent.

6.1.2 A list of all meeting rooms including the capacity, amenities, location, and scheduling agent (contact information) of each room shall be available to all County Departments. Facilities Management shall maintain the list. Departments are responsible for keeping Facilities Management updated with current information.

6.1.3 **Setup/Breakdown:** If the meeting requires heating, cooling, lighting, or other special conditions, the host of the meeting must contact Facilities Management at least one week prior to the meeting.

6.1.4 **Technology:** When meetings will require the use of technology already available in the meeting room, the requesting department should contact the approved scheduling agent of that room. If additional technology is required (i.e., remote demos, telephones, screens, projectors, etc.), the requesting department must notify Information Services one week in advance of the meeting. Assistance and support of the requested technology is limited to County regular business days and hours (Monday-Friday, 8:00a-5:00p, excluding holidays) and availability of Information Services personnel.

### 6.2. OTHER USERS
6.2.1. **Locations:** This policy applies to the Karl W. Zimmerman Training Center located within the Human Services Building.

6.2.2. **Use:** Not-for-profit organizations, Government organizations, and Legislative bodies, each as defined above, are permitted to utilize the Karl W. Zimmerman Training Center located within the Human Services Building under the following conditions:

   6.2.1.1 The organization or body as defined above must meet the insurance requirements listed in the Allegan County Risk Transfer Manual.
   6.2.1.2 The organization or body must complete the Meeting Room Use Agreement and agree to the terms and conditions of use.
   6.2.1.3 The scheduled use by the organization or body as defined above must occur during the regular business day as defined above.

6.2.3. **Application for Use:** Not-for-profit organizations, Government organizations, and Legislative bodies, each as defined above, shall make application for use of the Karl W. Zimmerman Training Center through the office of the County Administrator with adequate notice to satisfy the conditions of use.

6.2.4. **Scheduling:** Each meeting room shall have a scheduling agent assigned to coordinate the scheduling. Other users shall contact the scheduling agent at the Health Department.

6.3. **GENERAL**

6.3.1. **Scheduling:** Meeting room use shall be scheduled on a first-come-first-served basis with priority provided to Departments and Agencies of the County or tenants with appropriate rental agreements over Not-for-profit organizations, Government organizations, and Legislative bodies, each as defined above; however the appropriate Court Administrator or the County Administrator reserves the right to prioritize the use of a meeting room in the event of a scheduling conflict.

   Departments and Agencies of the County, and Tenants are prohibited from reserving, sponsoring, or otherwise arranging for meeting room space on behalf of another group that would not qualify to utilize the space.

6.3.2. **Setup/Breakdown:** Anyone using a meeting room are responsible for all setup and breakdown. Meeting rooms are to be returned to the arrangement set prior to use by any user; and are to be restored to equal or better condition than prior to use.
6.3.3. **Modifications:** Modifications to a meeting room are not permitted without advance permission from the office of the County Administrator. No tacks, tape, putty, paste or glue are to be applied to the walls, ceilings or furniture.

6.3.4. **Technology:** Technology in the meeting rooms will only be made available for official County business. Any use outside the scope of County business is prohibited. Any and all use of technology made available in the meeting rooms is subject to the Allegan County Acceptable Use Policy.

Wireless Internet Access that may be available in any meeting room is provided as a courtesy for general and/or County use. There should be no expectation of availability or support of this service. Misuse or inappropriate activity will result in a disconnection of service. In addition, all appropriate legal and/or disciplinary actions may be pursued.

The Conditioned Power System, orange electrical receptacles are to be used only to power County-owned sensitive electronic equipment such as computers.

Not-for-profit organizations, Government organizations, and Legislative bodies, each as defined above, shall not make or attempt to make connection to any technological equipment/systems or the Conditioned Power System (orange receptacles).

7.0 **RESPONSIBILITIES:**

7.1 **Budget Requirements:**

7.2 **Interpretation/Clarification:** Questions or appeals regarding interpretation or clarification of this policy should be directed to the County Administrator.

8.0 **APPENDICES:**

8.1 Sample IRS 501C(3) Tax-Exempt Certification

8.2 Sample Insurance Certificate

Created: March 31, 2007

Updated:
DEB COMPANY
456 MAIN STREET
ANYWHERE, MI 49000

Dear Applicant:

The letter dated September 2022, stated you would be exempt from Federal Income Tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, and you would be treated as a public charity, rather than as a private foundation, during an advance ruling period.

Based on the information you submitted, you are classified as a public charity under the Code section listed in the heading of this letter. Since your exempt status was not under consideration, you continue to be classified as an organization exempt from Federal Income Tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Code.

Publication 159, The Exempt Status for Your Organization, provides detailed information about your rights and responsibilities as an exempt organization. You may request a copy by calling the toll-free number for forms, (866) 467-4674. Information is also available on our Internet. IRS site at www.irs.gov.

If you have general questions about exempt organizations, please call our toll-free number shown in the heading.

Please keep this letter in your permanent records.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

[Name]
Director, Exempt Organizations
Welfare and Agriculural

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APPENDICES 8.2

ACCORD. CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE

A.B.C. Insurance Agency
123 Main Street
Anywhere, U.S.A.

B.B.C. Construction Company
444 Main Street
Anywhere, MI 48000

This certificate is issued as a matter of information only and
contains no rights upon the certificate holder. This certificate
does not amend, extend or alter the coverage afforded by the
policies below.

COMPANIES AFFORDING COVERAGE

Chairman: A
B.B.C. Insurance Company

Comp. E

Chairman: B

Comp. C

Chairman: D

Comp. D

This certificate only indicates not-withstanding any requirement, term or condition of any contract or other document with respect to which the
certificate may be issued on any person, the insurance afforded by the policies evidenced herein is subject to all the terms,
conditions and provisions of such policies. Limitations shown may have been retained by prior clauses.

COUNTY OF ALLEGAN
3283 - 12TH AVENUE
ALLEGAN, MI 49010

John Doe