

# Allegan County Policy

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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:**

APPENDICES 8.1

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE  
P. O. BOX 8100  
CINCINNATI, OH 45201

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Date: APR 07 2006

Employee Identification Number:  
25-002267  
OEN:  
17052077617046  
Contact Person:  
GREGORY S BAJDA 204 31575  
Contact Telephone Number:  
(877) 829-5595  
Public Charity Status:  
170 (a) (1) (B) (vi)

DEF COMPANY  
456 MAIN STREET  
ANYWHERE, MI 00000

Dear Applicant:

Our letter dated November 2002, stated you would be exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(2) 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 tax Code section 501(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code. 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)(2) of the Code.

Publication 157, Tax 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, (800) 829-5595. Information is also available on our Internet Web site at [www.irs.gov](http://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,



Lois G. Lottner  
Director, Exempt Organizations  
Rulings and Agreements

Letter 1050 12/05/03

APPENDICES 8.2

AGENCY		POLICY NUMBER		ISSUE DATE	QUANTITY
<p><b>A.B.C. Insurance Agency</b> 123 Main Street Anywhere, E.S.A.</p>		<p><b>THIS CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED AS A MATTER OF INFORMATION ONLY AND CONFERS NO RIGHTS UPON THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER. THIS CERTIFICATE DOES NOT AMEND, EXTEND OR ALTER THE COVERAGE PROVIDED BY THE POLICIES BELOW.</b></p>		00/00/00	
INSURED		COMPANIES AFFORDING COVERAGE			
<p><b>D.E.F. Construction Company</b> 456 Main Street Anywhere MI 00000</p>		<p>COMPANY LETTER <b>A</b>     <b>K.Y.Z. Insurance Company</b></p>			
		<p>COMPANY LETTER <b>B</b></p>			
		<p>COMPANY LETTER <b>C</b></p>			
		<p>COMPANY LETTER <b>D</b></p>			
		<p>COMPANY LETTER <b>E</b></p>			
COVERAGE PROVIDED					
<p>THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE POLICIES OF INSURANCE LISTED BELOW HAVE BEEN ISSUED TO THE INSURED NAMED ABOVE FOR THE POLICY PERIOD INDICATED, NOTWITHSTANDING ANY REQUIREMENT, TERM OR CONDITION OF ANY CONTRACT OR OTHER DOCUMENT WITH RESPECT TO WHICH THIS CERTIFICATE MAY BE ISSUED OR MAY PERTAIN. THE INSURANCE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES DESCRIBED HEREIN IS SUBJECT TO ALL THE TERMS, EXCLUSIONS AND CONDITIONS OF SUCH POLICIES. LIMITS SHOWN MAY HAVE BEEN REDUCED BY PAID CLAIMS.</p>					
COVERAGE	TYPE OF INSURANCE	POLICY NUMBER	POLICY EFFECTIVE DATE (MM/YY)	POLICY EXPIRES DATE (MM/YY)	LIMITS
A	GENERAL LIABILITY				GENERAL AGGREGATE \$ 000
	X COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY	00-00-00-00	00/00/00	00/00/00	PRODUCT-GOODS AGG. \$ 000
	CLAIMS MADE X OCCASIONAL CONTRACTORS PROT.				PERSONAL & AUTO AGG. \$ 000
	X CONTRACTUAL COVERAGE INCLUDES DEFENSE COSTS OF INDEMNITIES				EACH OCCURRENCE \$ 000
	ANTHROPOLE LIABILITY				TOTAL DAMAGES (Per one day) \$ 100
	X ANY AUTO	00-00-00-00	00/00/00	00/00/00	AREA COVERAGE (Per one person) \$
	ALL OWNED AUTOS				COLLECTIVE SINGLE LIMIT \$ 000
	SPONSORED AUTOS				BODILY INJURY (Per person) \$
	HIRED AUTOS				BODILY INJURY (Per accident) \$
	NON OWNED AUTOS				PROPERTY DAMAGE \$
	CHANGE LIABILITY				
	X INCLUDING HIGH PER & PPL "NO-FAULT" COVERAGE				
A	EXCESS LIABILITY	00-00-00-00	00/00/00	00/00/00	EACH OCCURRENCE \$ 000
	BASED IN PERM				AGGREGATE \$ 000
	BASED FROM UNDEVELOPED FORM				
	WORKERS COMPENSATION				INDIVIDUAL LIMITS \$
	NO	00-00-00-00	00/00/00	00/00/00	EACH ACCIDENT \$ 000
	EMPLOYERS LIABILITY				AGGREGATE - POLICY LIMIT \$ 000
					AGGREGATE - EACH EMPLOYEE \$ 000
A	OWNER'S Protective Liab. Certificate Holder Named Assured + Occurrence Fund	00-00-00-00	00/00/00	00/00/00	Each Occurrence \$ 000
					Aggregate \$ 000
<p>DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS/INDUSTRY/COMMERICAL USES County of Allegan named as Additional Insured except Workers' compensation; Notice of Cancellation/Retrieval Change/Reduction plus alternate Employer endorsements, if applicable MUST be attached to Certificate of Insurance or otherwise evidenced as in effect under the policies listed.</p>					
<p>COUNTY OF ALLEGAN 3283 - 122<sup>ND</sup> AVENUE ALLEGAN, MI 49010</p>			<p>CANCELLATION SHOULD ANY OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED POLICIES BE CANCELLED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION DATE THEREOF, THE ISSUING COMPANY WILL IMMEDIATELY ADVISE BY MAIL, <u>30</u> DAYS WRITTEN NOTICE TO THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER NAMED TO THE LEFT, BY REGISTERED MAIL RETURNED TO THE ISSUING COMPANY BY FIRST CLASS MAIL, WITHIN 10 DAYS OF THE DATE OF CANCELLATION OF THE POLICY.</p> <p>John Doe</p>		