



## **General Public Use of Marshall County Fiscal Court Facilities and Grounds Policy**

The Marshall County Fiscal Court (the "County") owns and manages many different properties throughout Marshall County. Recognizing the need to balance the interests of conducting County business efficiently while also allowing citizens reasonable use of County properties, the following policy is established for the express purpose of maintaining orderly management and control of all County grounds in order to create safe, respectful, and appropriate environments for all citizens, including officials, employees, and members of the public.

**NONPUBLIC FORUMS:** The County reserves the right to limit uses of designated spaces (such as office spaces) for its intended use in order to conduct County business in an efficient manner. These designated spaces are considered nonpublic forums, the locations of which are subject to change at the sole discretion of the County. Any use which interferes with the conduction of County business in designated spaces is expressly prohibited.

**LIMITED AND TRADITIONAL PUBLIC FORUMS:** The following policies apply to limited and traditional public forums:

1. The following activities are permitted, where and when reasonable:
  - a. Distribution of leaflets, flyers, or other written publications;
  - b. Distribution and circulation of petitions to collect signatures;
  - c. Public demonstrations;
  - d. Verbal communication conveying information other than county business; or
  - e. Other similarly protected free speech activities.
2. The above permitted activities must remain 25 feet from all public entrances to County facilities or grounds. Such activities must not interfere or restrict citizen access to County facilities or grounds at any time, regardless of distance from the entrances. Such activities must be conducted in a manner so as not to unreasonably interfere with the rights of surrounding property owners to peacefully enjoy their property, and must also not unreasonably interfere with the conduction of County business or other persons using public facilities or grounds.
3. All signs and/or displays other than those owned and/or approved by the County are prohibited from being posted on County property. Signs or displays posted without permission on County grounds will be removed and disposed of

by the County. This includes but is not limited to statues, monuments, flags, yard signs, etc.

4. Unless consented to by an appropriate agent of the County, all medium such as chalking, painting, drawing, etc. on County property is considered graffiti and is expressly prohibited. Any prohibited graffiti is subject to immediate removal and possible prosecution for criminal mischief.
5. Unless consented to by an appropriate agent of the County, camping or overnight parking on County property are prohibited.

**EXISTING MONUMENTS AND/OR STRUCTURES:** This policy does not apply to any monuments and/or structures that have been displayed on any County facility or grounds prior to the adoption of this policy.

NOTHING IN THIS POLICY SHALL BE CONSTRUED TO LIMIT OR PROHIBIT PROSECUTION FOR THE COMMISSION OF A CRIMINAL OFFENSE, NOR SHALL ANY PROVISION(S) BE CONSTRUED TO ENLARGE RIGHTS NOT RECOGNIZED BY STATUTE OR A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION.