



701 East Broadway, Columbia, Missouri 65201

Council Memo

Department Source: Convention and Visitors Bureau

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: June 15, 2026

Re: Authorizing a Special Event Operations Agreement with The Boone County Fair, Inc. for the 2026 Boone County Fair

Impacted Ward: Citywide

Executive Summary

This resolution authorizes the operations agreement for the Boone County Fair, July 21-25, 2026 at the Northeast Regional Park located at 5212 North Oakland Gravel Road, Columbia, Missouri.

Discussion

The Boone County Fair, Inc., has submitted a Special Event Permit application for the 2026 Boone County Fair. Set up will begin July 17, 2026 from 8:00 a.m. until July 19 at 6:00 p.m. The fair will operate from July 21 through July 25, 2026 from 5:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. Clean up will be completed by July 26, 2026 at 10:00 p.m.

The City Special Event Committee has worked closely with the Boone County Fair Board members to address all aspects of the event and to develop and implement plans including but not limited to: festival layout, traffic and public safety plans, alcohol management, insurance, solid waste, accessibility, food service and entertainment plans.

Because of the size and scope of the fair and the requirements of city services and equipment, an agreement must be executed between the City Manager and the event organizer and approved by City Council per Section 24-73(b) of the City Code.

The Special Events Committee will continue to work with the organizer prior to the start of the event, including a walk-through inspection to ensure all aspects of the Operations Agreement are met and approved by the appropriate city staff.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: N/A

Long-Term Impact: N/A

Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

Strategic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Resilient Economy, Secondary Impact: Secondary, Tertiary Impact: Tertiary

Comprehensive Plan Impacts:



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Primary Impact: Economic Development, Secondary Impact: Secondary, Tertiary Impact: Tertiary

Legislative History

Date	Action
6/16/25	<a href="#">R87-25</a> : Authorizing a special event operations agreement with the Boone County Fair, Inc. for the 2025 Boone County Fair event at the Northeast Regional Park located at 5212 N. Oakland Gravel Road.
6/4/24	<a href="#">R124-24</a> : Authorizing a special event operations agreement with the Boone County Fair, Inc. for the 2042 Boone County Fair event on city-owned property located on the east side of Oakland Gravel Road, generally northeast of the Brown School Road and Highway 63 interchange (5212 N. Oakland Gravel Road).
6/5/23	<a href="#">R86-23</a> : Authorizing a special event operations agreement with the Boone County Fair, Inc. for the 2023 Boone County Fair event on city-owned property located on the east side of Oakland Gravel Road, generally northeast of the Brown School Road and Highway 63 interchange (5212 N. Oakland Gravel Road).
7/5/22	<a href="#">R96-22</a> : Authorizing a special event operations agreement with the Boone County Fair, Inc. for the 2022 Boone County Fair event on city-owned property located on the east side of Oakland Gravel Road, generally northeast of the Brown School Road and Highway 63 interchange (5212 N. Oakland Gravel Road).

Suggested Council Action

Approval of the legislation.