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**WEB Procedures: PORTABLE AMUSEMENT RIDES**

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The following information is a summary of the City's ordinance and is not intended to cover everything included within the ordinance. Whenever summarization creates a conflict, the official ordinance governs. A copy of the entire ordinance is available for review at the City Clerk's office, 455 N. Main - 13<sup>th</sup> Floor, or directly from the Internet at [www.wichita.gov](http://www.wichita.gov).

**BASIS**

Any person engaged in the business of operating amusement riding devices in the city when not attached to a circus, carnival, or amusement park.

Any person engaged in the business of operating portable amusement rides in the city when not part of an amusement park.

Portable Amusement Rides shall be construed to include and mean the operation, leasing or renting of merry-go-rounds, ferris wheels, miniature trains, pony rides, carousels, parachute towers, bungee jumping, reverse bungee jumping, roller coasters, cranes or other lifting devices, when used as part of an amusement ride, inflatable equipment or other devices that do not have rigid structures or frames and which are inflated or otherwise supported by air pressure or other such amusement riding devices when portable or not part of an amusement park.

Amusement park rides shall not include:

- a. Games, concessions and associated structures;
- b. Any single passenger coin-operated ride that: (i) is manually, mechanically or electrically operated, (ii) is customarily placed in a public location, and (iii) does not normally require the supervision or services of an operator.
- c. Non-mechanized playground equipment, including, but not limited to swings, seesaws, stationary spring-mounted animal features; rider-propelled merry-go-rounds, climbers, slides, trampolines and physical fitness devices.
- d. Portable amusement rides which are used solely for personal use.

**LEGAL**

**REFERENCE**

Chapter 3.20, Code of the City of Wichita, Kansas.

**REGULATIONS**

There must be compliance with the building code, electrical ordinances, health and sanitation ordinances. No music-producing devices shall be played or operated after the hour of 10:30 p.m., Sunday through Thursday, or after the hour of 11:00 p.m., Friday and Saturday; and the volume of noise produced and emitted by such mechanical instruments or devices shall be kept in compliance with Chapter 7.41 of the City Code regulating noise. Amusement parks shall close at 11:00 p.m., Sunday through Thursday and 12:00 midnight, Friday and Saturday.

Portable Amusement park licensees are required to file a certificate of commercial general liability insurance with coverage of not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence with the City Treasurer, unless owner or amusement ride or park is the state, a not-for-profit organization or any subdivision of the State of Kansas. The licensee shall provide a Certificate of Inspection as required in Section 3.20.060.

Cannot be prorated. License is non-transferable and non-refundable. Allow 30 days for approval.

**ENFORCING  
AUTHORITY**

Office of Central Inspection; Environmental Services Department; Police Department

**FEES**

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| 20 or more Portable Amusement Rides.....    | \$600.00      |
| Less than 20 Portable Amusement Rides ..... | \$ 30.00/each |
| New applicant fee .....                     | \$ 1.00       |

Due annually on May 1

**Allow 2 weeks for approval.**

**PROCEDURE**

New applicants must complete an application. Complete applications, fees and inspection reports are to be turned into City License, 1<sup>st</sup> floor of City Hall.