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## Exhibit Hall Fire Regulations

The information contained in this brief outline does not by any means cover completely the ordinances and regulations contained in the "City of St. Louis Fire Prevention Code."

The following are basic rules governing concessions, exhibits, and shows in any building open to the public:

1. All curtains, drapes and decorations must be constructed of flameproof material, or treated with an approved flameproofing solution. (Treatment shall be renewed as often as may be necessary to maintain the flameproofing effect.)
2. No combustible materials, merchandise or signs shall be attached to, hung from, or draped over flameproofed side and rear divider draperies of booths or attached to table skirting facing aisles, unless flameproofed.
3. All exits, hallways and aisles leading from buildings or tents are to be kept clear and unobstructed at all times.
4. No exit door shall be locked, bolted or otherwise fastened or obstructed at any time an exhibit building is open to the public. Moreover, it shall be unlawful to obstruct, or reduce in any manner, the clear width of any doorway, hallway, passageway or other means of egress. Additionally, all required exits shall be so located as to be discernible and accessible with unobstructed access thereto.
5. Access through turnstiles, gates, rails or similar devices shall not be permitted unless such a device is equipped to swing readily in the direction of exit travel under a total force of not more than 15 pounds and/or prior approval of the Fire Marshal.
6. All sawdust, shavings, hay and straw shall be flame-proofed, stored and maintained in a manner approved by the Fire Marshal.
7. Automobiles, trucks, tractors, machinery and other motor vehicles utilizing flammable fuels, which are placed on display inside any building shall have no more than two (2) gallons of fuel in the tank; all fuel tanks shall be locked or effectively sealed and battery cables shall be disconnected from the ignition system. Ignition keys for vehicles on display shall be kept by a responsible person at the display location for removal of such vehicles from the building in the event of an emergency.
8. There shall not be any gasoline powered forklifts or carts allowed in a place of assembly. Exceptions: Propane or electric vehicles are allowed.
9. The use of liquefied petroleum gases inside buildings, tents or other areas is strictly prohibited, except for demonstration purposes when approved by the Fire Marshal. Maximum LPG allowed for exhibition purposes is a 6 (six) pound cylinder.
10. "No Smoking by Order of Fire Marshal" signs shall be posted and maintained in areas designated by the Fire Marshal.
11. Provide for daily removal and disposal of trash and rubbish from buildings and tents.
12. All electrical wiring shall be installed in a manner approved by the City Chief Electrical Inspector.
13. Provide and maintain approved fire extinguishing equipment in all areas as designated by the Fire Marshal.
14. All standpipe and hose cabinets shall be kept clear and unobstructed at all times.
15. All appliances fired by natural gas shall be approved by the City Chief Mechanical Inspector and Fire Marshal before being used.
16. The use of welding and cutting equipment for demonstration purposes must be by permit from the Fire Marshal.
17. Cylinders of compressed gases are prohibited unless approved by the Fire Marshal, and shall be secured in a vertical or horizontal position depending on the tank use and design.
18. The operator or the person in charge of operation or use of any place of assembly or education shall check

egress facilities before such building is occupied for any use. If such inspection reveals that any element of the required means of egress is obstructed, inaccessible, locked, fastened or otherwise unsuited for immediate use, admittance to the building shall not be permitted until necessary corrective action has been completed.

19. There shall not be any obstructions blocking exit doors from the outside of any building, such as autos parked in doorways or barricades across sidewalks.
20. No curtains, drapes or decorations shall be hung in such a manner as to cover any exit signs.
21. No vehicles shall be parked in fire lanes outside of buildings.
22. No flammable liquids shall be used or admitted inside of buildings except by approval of the Fire Marshal.
23. Artificial lighting such as lanterns and candles are prohibited.
24. The use of all gas-fired heating units, either portable or stationary, shall meet the approval of the City Chief Mechanical Inspector and the Fire Marshal. The use of the so-called "salamander" stove is strictly prohibited.
25. All cooking appliances shall be equipped with ventilating hoods and equipment as deemed necessary by the Fire Marshal, but in any instance such equipment shall be installed in accordance with provision of the City Building and Fire Codes.

However, countertop fryers not exceeding 15 lbs. of oil may be used without the necessary ventilating hood and surface protection requirements, additionally, the exhibitor shall be allowed no more than one (1) fryer per booth and shall provide two (2) ten (10) pound B.C. extinguishers; positioned on both sides of said fryers.

All cooking appliances shall be listed by a **National Testing Agency**, i.e. Underwriters Laboratory or Factory Mutual.

26. Booth and seating plans must be approved by the Fire Marshal. Submit plans to Fire Marshal no later than **15 days** before set-up date.
27. There shall not be any ticket booths, tables, or any other display setup in the lobby without the prior approval of the Fire Marshal.

28. All aisles shall be maintained at a minimum of ten (10) feet clearance.
29. Ferrara Theatre seating capacity shall be limited to the fixed seating of 1,411 with absolutely no standing allowed!
30. All covered structures in excess of ninety (90) square feet in area shall be protected by an automatic fire detection system approved by the Fire Marshal.
31. All floor plans submitted shall be totally representative of the halls, rooms, and/or areas in which the events are held in, such as the location of manual pull stations, fire hose standpipe closets, exits, aisles and man doors in air walls, etc.
32. Should there be any questions regarding plans and/or code requirements, contact the St. Louis Fire Inspector, 1421 N. Jefferson, St. Louis, MO 63106, Telephone: (314) 289-1900; Fax: (314) 289-1985.