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Life Time, Inc.
2902 Corporate Place
Chanhassen, MN 55317

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ORDER OF County of McDonald

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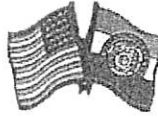
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County of McDonald
PO Box 665
Pineville, MO 64856



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McDonald County Commission

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McDonaldCountyMO.gov

Jamey Cope
Eastern Commissioner

Rick Lett
Western Commissioner

March 9, 2026

Sean Thurman
Event Manager, Lifetime Events Team
Big Sugar Classic | Unbound Gravel

RE: Front Yard Bash Ride, held on Sunday, March 1, 2026

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The County has determined the following:

- The event exceeded the thresholds requiring a Special Events Permit under Section 3.
- No Safety Plan, Emergency/Medical Plan, or law enforcement coordination was submitted or approved as required under Sections 4 and 5.
- The event utilized public roadways without authorized traffic control, posing safety risks to participants and the public.

These failures constitute violations of the Ordinance and disregard mandatory public-safety protocols.

The County Commission has evaluated applicable penalties under section 6 regarding ordinance violations.

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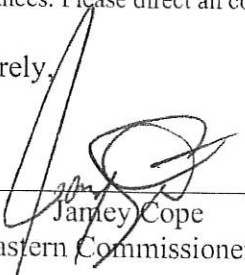
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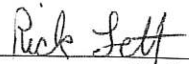
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Sincerely,


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Outlook

Legal Notice

From Colby Schlessman <taxspecialist@mcdonaldcountymo.gov>

Date Mon 3/9/2026 2:10 PM

To Sthurman@lt.life <Sthurman@lt.life>

Cc Jessica Cole <jcole@mcdonaldcountymissouri.gov>

 1 attachment (275 KB)

Lifetime Event Letter 2026.pdf;

Dear Sean Thurman,

Commissioner Bryan Hall spoke with you earlier today, in regards of Ordinance No.2025-003 regulating special outdoors events utilizing public roadways. Attached is the Legal Notice Letter. Please feel free to contact us with any questions.

Thank you,

Colby Schlessman

Deputy Clerk – Tax Specialist

McDonald County Clerk

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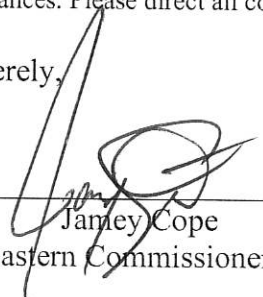
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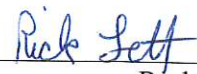
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MCDONALD COUNTY, MISSOURI
"FOR-PROFIT" CYCLING EVENT PERMIT APPLICATION

"Event" means any organized outdoor activity, including but not limited to races, rides, marches, or rallies involving non-motorized vehicles or participants traveling on foot, that takes place on public roadways. Permits are required if the event lasts longer than 2 hours, and involves any public road, and has 25 or more participants. No person or organization shall conduct a "For-Profit" cycling event without first obtaining a permit from the McDonald County Commission.

Applications must be submitted at least 30 days prior to the event.

Final approval will be granted administratively by the McDonald County Commission

GENERAL INFORMATION

Event Name: Big Sugar Classic

Event Date(s): Oct 18 2025 **Event Hours:** Start: 7:30am End: 5:00pm

Expected Number of Participants: 100 Mile – 1200 50 Mile 800

Event Website: bigsugarclassic.com

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Event Organizer/Sponsor: Life Time Events

Contact Person: Sean Thurman _____

Mailing Address: 3103 SW I St _____

City, State, Zip: Bentonville AR 72712 _____

Phone: (636) 524-5573 **Cell:** (636) 524-5573 _____

Email: sthurman@lt.life _____

On-Site Event Manager: Matthew Hartman **Cell:** (314) 797-9583 _____

EVENT DETAILS

Event Description: (Provide a detailed description including purpose, activities, and unique aspects)

Previous Events: Have you organized similar events in McDonald County before? X Yes ☐ No

If yes, please list dates and event names: This is year 5 for the Big Sugar Classic _____

Proposed Route: (Attach detailed route map showing all roads to be used) -

https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/0/edit?mid=12DjHIFwPKsQ8aZozs8giTD_Z6BAUDMU&usp=sharing

Start/Finish Location: _____

Rest Stops/Aid Stations: (List all locations) Mile 35 Pineville town square – Mile 75 Rockford Grange – Mile 25 of 50 mile only Whistling Springs Brewery

INITIAL CONSULTATION VERIFICATION

X I have completed an initial consultation with County Commissioners and Sheriff

Date of consultation: _____

County staff present: _____

Route concerns identified: _____

TRAFFIC SAFETY PLAN

Traffic Control Measures:

- List all major intersections requiring course marshals as identified by McDonald County or the State of Missouri: Approved Traffic Control Plans will be submitted shortly

Signage Plan: Attach map showing locations of warning signs for motorists and/or signage for participants.

Signage Removal Plan: Describe how/when (within 48 hours) all event-related signage will be removed:

Will you be using local groups for signage & trash removal: YES X We are reaching out to as many groups as we can find in the area to donate for a course sweep the following day. NO _____

PROPERTY PROTECTION PLAN

Private Property Usage: Will your event require use of any private property? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, attach written permission from all property owners.

Road Markings: Will your event require any temporary markings on roads? X Yes ☐ No

If yes, describe marking method and removal plan:

We will put est 25 Rules of the Road yard signs and caution signs where applicable for rider safety. We also have 20 "Do not Litter" that will be placed in various locations. We have one sweep vehicle that will be taking all signs down as the last rider passes. We will also have sweep crews starting Sunday post event for trash clean up that will assist or notify of any signs that may be missed.

Resident Notification Plan: Describe how residents along the route will be notified of the event:

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Medical Services: Describe medical support arrangements: We are working on a contracted Ambulance Service for Rockford Grange Checkpoint. 911 is first option for any life threatening events on course and will be dispatched accordingly in coordination with the contracted service. We will make every effort to not overload or impact the local response time for any public emergency

Police/Sheriff Arrangements: Describe security arrangements: Contracting McDonald CO Sherrieff, Pineville City PD and Missouri State Hwy Patrol

Note: Use of law enforcement from outside of Missouri/McDonald County is prohibited is prohibited without written consent of the McDonald County Commissioners.

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

The following insurance documentation must be attached:

- ☒ Certificate of Liability Insurance (minimum \$1,000,000 per occurrence)
- ☒ McDonald County listed as additional insured

Received ✓

FEES AND DEPOSITS

Application Fee: \$ _____ (\$500 -Non-refundable)
Performance Fee: \$ _____ (\$1000 – Refundable Upon Event Completion & Requirements Met)

ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND AGREEMENT

By signing below, I certify that:

1. I agree to comply with all requirements outlined in this application.
2. I acknowledge that all participants must be made aware in writing that they are to:
 - Ride single-file when vehicles are present
 - Obey all traffic laws set forth by the State of Missouri
3. I acknowledge that the following activities are prohibited:
 - Marking of roads with temporary paint/chalk unless approved by the County Commission
 - Use of law enforcement from outside of Missouri/McDonald County
 - Use of private property without written permission
 - Blocking driveways or access points
 - Public urination or defecation
 - Harassment of residents or their pets
4. I agree to provide course marshals at all major intersections as identified by McDonald County or the State of Missouri.
5. I agree to coordinate with the McDonald County Sheriff's Department for law enforcement support. Law enforcement fee is \$75/hr. per person paid to the appropriate city/county departments
6. I agree to post warning signs for motorists in accordance with MO Dept. of Transportation standards.
7. I agree to maintain emergency vehicle access at all times.
8. I agree to provide restroom facilities at locations indicated on the route map.
9. I agree to place trash receptacles at all checkpoints.
10. I agree to remove all event-related signage within 48 hours.
11. I agree to restore any disturbed areas to their original condition.
12. I agree to clean up any trash left by race participants within 48 hours, preferably by utilizing local non-profits as a way to raise money for their organizations.
13. I understand that violations may result in immediate event suspension, fines up to \$1,000 per violation, and a ban from future event permits.

Signature of Applicant:  Date: Sept 22 2025 _____

Print Name: Sean Thurman. Title: Race Director

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY

Application Received On – Date: Sept. 22, 2025 By: email to Jessica Cole

Application Fee Paid On – Date: \$ _____ Receipt #: _____

☐ Application Complete ☐ Application Incomplete

Comments: _____

Sheriff's Department Review: ☒ Approved ☐ Denied Date: 10-1-2025

Signature: [Signature] Title: _____

County Commission Review: ☒ Approved ☐ Denied Date: 10-1-2025

Signature: [Signature] Title: Presiding Commissioner

REVIEWED

McDONALD COUNTY COMMISSION

OCT 01 2025

PRESIDING [Signature]
EASTERN [Signature]
WESTERN RL



CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)

9/30/2025

THIS CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED AS A MATTER OF INFORMATION ONLY AND CONFERS NO RIGHTS UPON THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER. THIS CERTIFICATE DOES NOT AFFIRMATIVELY OR NEGATIVELY AMEND, EXTEND OR ALTER THE COVERAGE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES BELOW. THIS CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE ISSUING INSURER(S), AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OR PRODUCER, AND THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER.

IMPORTANT: If the certificate holder is an ADDITIONAL INSURED, the policy(ies) must have ADDITIONAL INSURED provisions or be endorsed. If SUBROGATION IS WAIVED, subject to the terms and conditions of the policy, certain policies may require an endorsement. A statement on this certificate does not confer rights to the certificate holder in lieu of such endorsement(s).

PRODUCER CAC Specialty 320 Fillmore Street, Suite 200 Denver, CO 80206 www.cacgroup.com	CONTACT NAME: Jack Gallagher PHONE (A/C, No, Ext): E-MAIL: jack.gallagher@cacgroup.com ADDRESS: INSURER(S) AFFORDING COVERAGE INSURER A: Philadelphia Indemnity Insurance Company INSURER B: National Union Fire Ins Co Pittsburgh PA INSURER C: INSURER D: INSURER E: INSURER F:	FAX (A/C, No): NAIC # 18058 19445
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COVERAGES**CERTIFICATE NUMBER:** 87464403**REVISION NUMBER:**

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A	☒ COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY ☐ CLAIMS-MADE ☒ OCCUR ☒ SIR \$750,000 ☒ Event SIR \$1,000,000 GEN'L AGGREGATE LIMIT APPLIES PER: ☐ POLICY ☐ PRO-JECT ☒ LOC OTHER:	☒		PHPK2631063	12/15/2024	12/15/2025	EACH OCCURRENCE \$1,000,000 DAMAGE TO RENTED PREMISES (Ea occurrence) \$1,000,000 MED EXP (Any one person) \$5,000 PERSONAL & ADV INJURY \$1,000,000 GENERAL AGGREGATE \$2,000,000 PRODUCTS - COMP/OP AGG \$2,000,000 \$
B	AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY ☒ ANY AUTO ☐ OWNED AUTOS ONLY ☐ SCHEDULED AUTOS ☐ HIRED AUTOS ONLY ☐ NON-OWNED AUTOS ONLY			AL7093427	12/15/2024	12/15/2025	COMBINED SINGLE LIMIT (Ea accident) \$1,000,000 BODILY INJURY (Per person) \$ BODILY INJURY (Per accident) \$ PROPERTY DAMAGE (Per accident) \$ \$
A	☒ UMBRELLA LIAB ☐ EXCESS LIAB DED ☒ RETENTION \$10,000 OCCUR ☐ CLAIMS-MADE			PHUB891804	12/15/2024	12/15/2025	EACH OCCURRENCE \$5,000,000 AGGREGATE \$5,000,000 \$
	WORKERS COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY ANY PROPRIETOR/PARTNER/EXECUTIVE OFFICER/MEMBER EXCLUDED? (Mandatory in NH) If yes, describe under DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS below	☐ Y ☒ N	N/A				PER STATUTE ☐ OTH-ER ☐ E.L. EACH ACCIDENT \$ E.L. DISEASE - EA EMPLOYEE \$ E.L. DISEASE - POLICY LIMIT \$

DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS / LOCATIONS / VEHICLES (ACORD 101, Additional Remarks Schedule, may be attached if more space is required)

County of McDonald Missouri, including employees, are included as additional insured as required by written contract subject to policy terms and conditions.
Evidence of Insurance.

CERTIFICATE HOLDER**CANCELLATION**

County of McDonald
502 Main St
Pineville MO 64856

SHOULD ANY OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED POLICIES BE CANCELLED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION DATE THEREOF, NOTICE WILL BE DELIVERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICY PROVISIONS.

AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

Grantland Rice IV

Big Sugar Classic Bike Race October 18, 2025

The October 18, 2025, Big Sugar Classic biking race was scheduled to be composed of a fifty-mile and a one-hundred-mile race.

Big Sugar Classic fifty-mile course and one-hundred-mile course both were to begin on the “square” in Bentonville Arkansas, travel into McDonald County Missouri, and predominantly travel across McDonald County, Missouri roadways before exiting the County and State returning back into Benton County, Arkansas. The fifty-mile course route had a small section where it entered into Barry County, Missouri and then quickly traveled into McDonald County.

The October 18, 2025, Big Sugar Creek Classic Bike Race had a total of approximately 2,000 cyclists that traveled on McDonald County roadways.

In the past bike race events within McDonald County, citizens along the race routes voiced concerns and encountered issues with the cyclists participating in the event. Due to these issues, the McDonald County Commission passed and adopted “Special Events Permit Ordinance 2025-003” (see attached Ordinance No. 2025-003) on August 25th, 2025. The purpose of this Ordinance was to ensure the safety of the public and participants during organized outdoor non-motorized events occurring within McDonald County, Missouri. This Ordinance also required a Special Event Permit Application to be completed and approved for any Special Event’s taking place in McDonald County (see attached Special Event Permit Application).

The coordinators of the Big Sugar Classic Bike Race scheduled for October 18, 2025, completed the required Special Event Permit Application and their event was approved with the guidelines set and established in the Special Events Permit Ordinance 2025-003.

The Special Events Permit Ordinance 2025-003 required that Event Coordinators agreed to pay Law Enforcement assisting with the Special Event \$75 an hour. The McDonald County Sheriff’s Office arranged 6 Deputies to assist with the bike race. Deputies that assisted with the Big Sugar Classic Bike Race on October 18, 2025, were as follows:

- Capt. Christopher Allison
- Deputy Travis Sheppard
- Deputy Justin Shepherd
- Deputy John Langert
- Deputy Michael Miller
- Reserve Deputy Camille Graves

Big Sugar Creek Classic organizers also contacted Missouri State Highway Patrol to get assistance with the October 18, 2025, event. Missouri State Highway Patrol assigned two troopers to assist.

Change to Bike Race Route Due to Weather

On the morning of October 18, 2025, I was in contact with Big Sugar Classic Bike Race coordinator Sean Thurman and Sean advised me that due to the threat of severe thunder storms and lighting in the area, they had made the decision to not to have the cyclists race the 100-mile race route due to safety

concerns for the race participants and staff. Sean advised that they had made the decision to allow all 2,000 cyclists to race the 50-mile race route that started on the Bentonville Arkansas square, traveling the roadways and entering Missouri in Barry County. The cyclists would travel a small section of roadways in Barry County and enter the Southeast portion of McDonald County. The cyclists would travel roadways in the Southeast portion of McDonald County (see attached race route map) and exit McDonald County back into Benton County Arkansas where the cyclists would travel to the race's end location in Pea Ridge, Arkansas. Due to the change of race route I had to coordinate with the 6 Deputies assisted to the Special Event Detail and make changes to their duties and tasks for the duration of the race. Changes were made and the McDonald County Deputies traveled to their newly assigned locations.

Law Enforcement Actions relating to the 2025 Big Sugar Classic Bike Race

- Incident #1: 0817 hours Reserve Deputy Graves received call for service at Fletcher Ridge Rd. and Whistling Springs Ln. in reference to persons parking on the shoulder and the middle of the roadway, causing an intense traffic backup with the large number of cyclists entering the same intersection at the time of the call. Due to the route change, the much larger number cyclist entered this intersection at this time. Deputy Graves and Deputy Langert responded and were able to resolve the issue in a timely manner and keep the flow of traffic as it should be even with the large number of cyclists traveling through the intersection.
- Incident #2: 0849 hours Capt. Chris Allison received call for service at 188 Tredwell Rd. in reference to a helicopter flying very low scaring the reporting party's livestock. The reporting party was concerned her livestock would be pushed through the fence. I contacted race coordinator Sean Thurman and advised him of the complaint. I was also contacted by Sheriff Robert Evenson who advised he had also contacted Sean Thurman to advise him of the complaint about the low flying helicopter. Sean Thurman very quickly addressed the situation and the helicopter left the area. I contacted the reporting party and she advised the helicopter had left briefly after she had called to make the report. The reporting party expressed to me she was very frustrated that her live stock was disturbed by the helicopter and that she would be contacting the McDonald County Commission on Monday to express her concerns.
- Incident #3: 0905hours Deputies received call for service in reference to traffic violation complaint on Fletcher Ridge Rd. near Whistling Springs Ln. Reporting Party advised there were two motorcycles stopping regular vehicle traffic and allowing the cyclists to continue to travel when they should have been yielding the right of way to vehicles that were being stopped. The reporting party advised he wanted to speak to a Deputy because he was confused why the motorcycles were being allowed to stop traffic. Deputy John Langert contacted the two motorcyclists blocking the roadway. The motorcyclists stated they were with a film crew getting video footage of the race. Deputy Langert advised the motorcyclist they could not block traffic. The two motorcyclists became slightly argumentative with Deputy Langert and Deputy Langert instructed them to not block traffic any further. After Deputy Langert's instruction, the two motorcyclists unblocked the roadway and left the area. I, Capt. Allison, contacted the reporting party and advised him Deputies contacted the motorcyclists and they were no longer blocking traffic.

- Incident #4: 1010hours Deputy Travis Sheppard and Deputy Langert responded to Whistling Springs Ln. near the Brewery in reference to a cyclist that had crashed and was injured. Deputy Sheppard located the cyclists and provided basic first aid while waiting for Pea Ridge Ambulance Service to arrive. The cyclists was transported by Pea Ridge Ambulance Service to a hospital in Northwest Arkansas to be treated for their injuries.

No other incidents related to the 2025 Sugar Creek Classic Bike Race. Only one cyclist injury was reported. All other cyclist entered McDonald County, traveled the designated roadways, and exited McDonald County Missouri into Benton County Arkansas.

Conclusion

In my option, the 2025 Big Sugar Creek Classic Bike Race event was successful with very few incidents / problems. I believe this was due to the race organizers having great communication with County Officials as well as the organizers adhering to the rules and guidelines set by the Special Events Permit Ordinance 2025-003. It appeared also this year the race organizers considered the past issues with bike race events and made the effort to better planned, organize, and prepare. Even with the stress of changing the bike race route for all 2,000 cyclists less than an hour prior to starting due to the weather, the 2025 Big Sugar Creek Classic Bike Race seemed to be smooth, less troubled, and uncomplicated as previous bike races.

With everything said, organizers should still consider the incidents that occurred with this years Big Sugar Creek Classic Bike Race and continue to make improvement for future events within McDonald County, Missouri.

Respectfully,



Captain Christopher Allison

McDonald County Sheriff s Office



October 18, 2025

Big Sugar Creek Bike Race

Race will start on Bentonville Square @ 0725hours.

6 McDonald County Deputies & 4 MSHP Troopers assisting.

Two Race Routes Through McDonald County

- 100 Mile
 - Enters McDonald County on Deer Creek Rd. Noel area and travels east across the county via primarily county roadways.
 - Exits the county on White Oak Rd.
 - 900 total bikes
 - Estimated time of arrival for Bike to enter McDonald County is 0825hrs.
 - 2 Check Points
 - #1 Pineville Square
 - #2 Rockford Grange (Compound at E State Highway 90 and Route KK)
 - Stella Fire Department will be sit up @ Pinelog Rd. and Horton Rd. providing water and medical if needed.
- 50 Mile
 - Enters County on Jacket Rd. @ estimated time
 - Travels to Whistling Springs. Check Point for water & medical.
 - After Check point travels Mountain Rd. to White Oak rd.
 - Exits same as 100 mile route on White Oak Rd.

Our Tasks

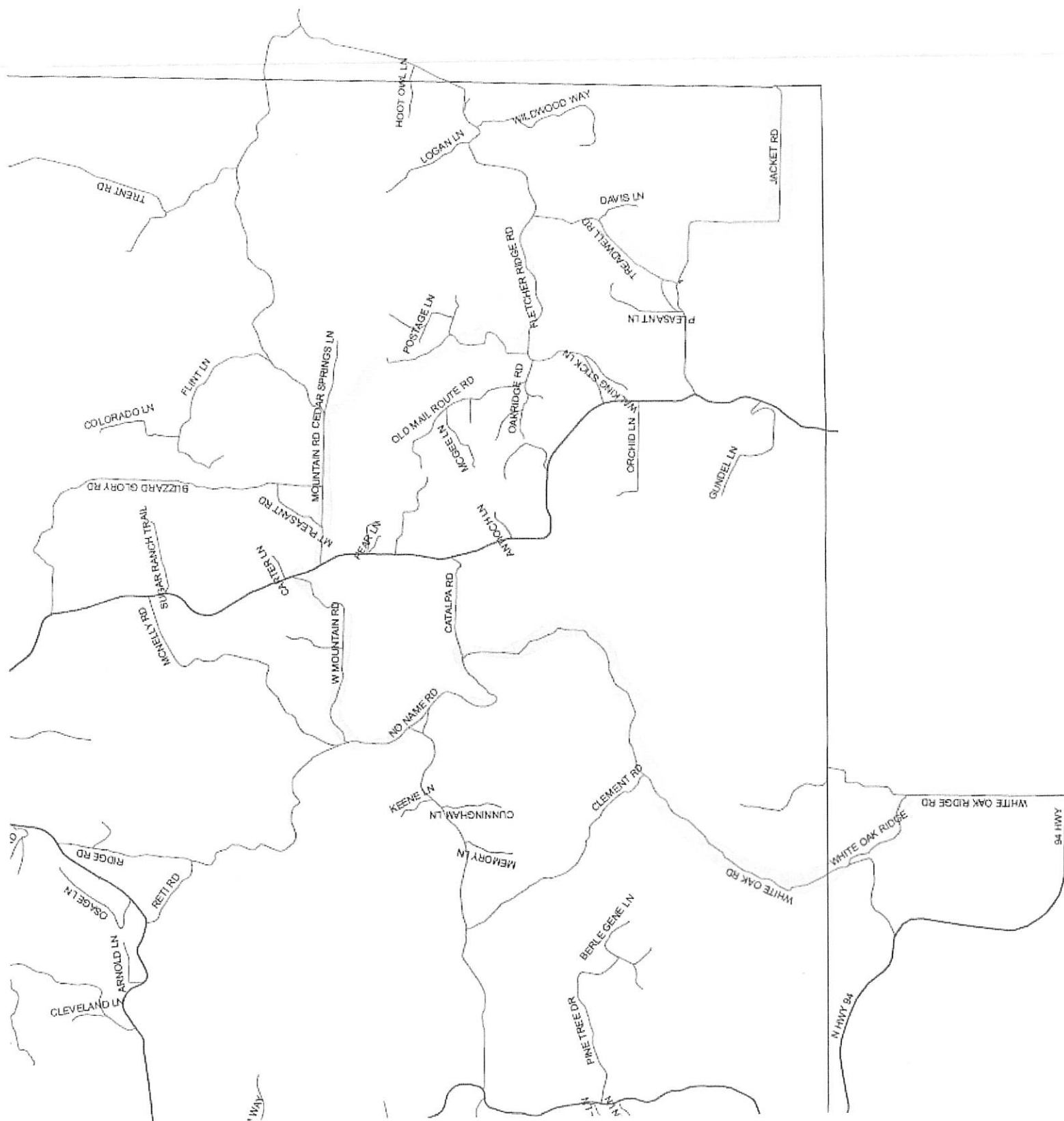
- They have asked us to help with traffic at two locations:
 - W State Highway 90 and Goodin Hollow Rd. One Deputy will sit with lights active at intersection as a warning for traffic along W State Highway 90 as bikers cross the roadway from Upper Mill Creek Rd. to Goodin Hollow Rd. We will not stop vehicle traffic on 90 Highway. Bikers must obey Missouri state laws, stop at the stop sign, and yield to oncoming traffic.
 - Route KK and Mountain Rd. One Deputy will sit with lights active at intersection as a warning for traffic along Route KK as bikers travel off Mountain Rd. onto Route KK. We will not stop vehicle traffic on Route KK. Bikers must obey Missouri state laws, stop at the stop sign, and yield to oncoming traffic.
- Ensure the road ways are not blocked. In the past, spectators, families, and helpers would park along the roadways, blocking main traffic from traveling. They have been warned not to do this. Event planners have parking areas for this that is not on the roadway.
- Ensure bikers obeyed by Missouri State Laws.
- Respond to calls pertaining to cyclist.
- Respond to medical calls pertaining to cyclist.
- Address past concerns with the races:
 - Roadway blockage
 - Public Urination
 - Littering
 - Safety of the riders upon the curvy roadways

There is another event scheduled for Saturday in the Powell area: Utility Vehicle Color Run to benefit Stella Fire Department. UTV's, ATV's, and off road vehicles driving county roads. Starts 1030 (unknown routes or times).

There is QR Code posted at the State Line as the bikers enter Missouri that they can scan to get the Missouri State Laws pertaining to Bicycling on the roadways.

Possible problem areas:

- Goodin Hollow Rd. Female called event coordinator and told him they were having a cattle drive at the time the bikers would be coming thru. Last year, this same person supposedly dumped large amount of manure across Goodin Hollow that the bikers had to ride through.
- Creek Side Rd. Karla Jones is very vocal and unhappy about the bike race. Years past the riders went past her home. This year they rerouted around her house to try and appease her. However, few days ago she went to social media and posted that she was blocked in her home now from both directions and could not leave. She also messaged our Presiding Commissioner and told him that she is "pinned in", can not leave her house, and "may they piss in your yard".
- Whistling Springs area. Resident there, Doug Fletcher, has been very vocal about his unhappiness over the bike race. He calls the Commissioners repeatably complaining as well as post on social media.



ORDINANCE NO.2025-003

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES AND PERMITTING FOR SPECIAL EVENTS PERMITS IN MCDONALD COUNTY, MISSOURI

WHEREAS, the McDonald County Commission is concerned with the public's safety during outdoor events that frequently travel through McDonald County, Missouri and utilize State, County, and Local Roadways; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 304.130, RSMo, which states: "County commissions in all counties shall have the power to make additional rules of the road or traffic regulations not inconsistent with state law as shall be necessary to meet the needs of the people of their respective counties."; and

WHEREAS, the McDonald County Commission is empowered to create and adopt such ordinances to promote the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens and visitors of McDonald County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF MCDONALD COUNTY, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Ordinance is to ensure the safety of the public and participants during organized outdoor non-motorized events occurring within McDonald County, Missouri. These events often utilize state highways, county roads, and local roadways, and require coordinated planning to prevent disruption to traffic flow and emergency services, and to protect the general welfare of the public.

SECTION 2. DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of this Ordinance, the following terms shall have the meanings ascribed to them:

- “Event” means any organized outdoor activity, including but not limited to races, rides, marches, or rallies involving non-motorized vehicles or participants traveling on foot, that takes place on public roadways.
- “Highway” shall have the same meaning as provided in Section 301.010(20) RSMo: "any public thoroughfare for vehicles, including state highways, county roads, and city streets."
- “Road” or “County Road” shall mean any road maintained by McDonald County and under the jurisdiction of the McDonald County Commission.
- “Intersection” shall have the meaning ascribed in Section 300.010 RSMo: "the area embraced within the prolongation or connection of the lateral curb lines, or if none, the lateral boundary lines of the roadways of two highways which join one another at or approximately at right angles, or the area within which vehicles traveling upon different highways joining at any other angle may come in conflict."
- “Non-motorized vehicle” means any device that is not self-propelled by a motor and is used or intended to be used to transport people or goods, including but not limited to bicycles, rollerblades, skateboards, and scooters not powered by motors.
- “Sponsor” means any person, organization, or entity who organizes, promotes, or otherwise holds responsibility for conducting an event governed by this Ordinance.

SECTION 3. PERMIT REQUIRED

A. A permit shall be required for any outdoor special event within McDonald County that meets any of the following criteria:

1. The event will last longer than two (2) hours in duration, and involves travel along public roadways, including state highways, county roads, or other public rights-of-way within McDonald County; or
2. The event will include more than twenty-five (25) participants, regardless of duration or distance.

B. An application for a permit shall:

1. Be submitted in writing on the form provided by the McDonald County Commission;
2. Include the name and contact information of the event sponsor;
3. Include a route map clearly identifying all roadways, intersections, and stops involved;
4. Identify the expected number of participants and proposed date and time of the event;
5. Include a comprehensive Safety Plan as required in Section 4;
6. Include an emergency and medical response plan;
7. Include a non-refundable application fee of \$500.00 or if unanimous vote by the Commission the fee may be waived.

C. All permit applications must be submitted no less than thirty (30) days prior to the proposed event.

D. The McDonald County Commission shall review all applications and approve or deny each application no later than fourteen (14) days prior to the event date.

E. The event sponsor is solely responsible for contacting and complying with all applicable permitting or notification requirements of any other government agency having jurisdiction along the route, including but not limited to:

- Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT);
- Missouri State Highway Patrol;
- Any city or local government if the event route enters an incorporated municipality;
- The McDonald County 911 Center;
- Local ambulance services and emergency medical providers.

F. Each city or agency may have its own permitting or review process, which must be separately satisfied by the event sponsor.

SECTION 4. SAFETY PLAN REQUIRED

A. All event organizers shall submit a comprehensive Safety Plan as part of the permit application. The Safety Plan must be approved by the McDonald County Commission prior to the issuance of any event permit.

B. The Safety Plan shall include, at a minimum:

1. Command Structure: Identification of the individual(s) who will be in command of the event, serving as the principal point of contact for coordination and oversight.

2. Communications: A plan for effective communication with all relevant public safety agencies and authorities, including:

- McDonald County Sheriff's Department;
- Missouri State Highway Patrol;
- Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT);
- Any city or municipality through which the event route passes;
- The McDonald County 911 Center;
- Local ambulance and EMS providers.

3. Medical Response Plan: Identification of the EMS provider(s) responsible for medical care during the event. The organizer shall:

- Coordinate with local ambulance services such as Freeman Ambulance or the EMS agency with jurisdiction;
- Ensure all EMS personnel involved are licensed and compliant with all applicable state laws and regulations;
- Include contact and deployment information for emergency responders in the Safety Plan.

4. Emergency Vehicle Access shall be provided at all times.

C. The organizing entity is fully responsible for the implementation and cost of the Safety Plan and must coordinate directly with each agency listed. McDonald County's approval of the plan does not substitute for or fulfill the requirements of any other jurisdiction.

SECTION 5. USE OF COUNTY RESOURCES AND TRAFFIC CONTROL REQUIREMENTS

A. Event organizers shall utilize McDonald County resources for law enforcement and traffic control where necessary, and in accordance with this section.

B. If any route crosses any main intersection, or any crossing designated as necessary from the discretion of the Sheriff and County Commission, the organizer shall be required to have no fewer than two (2) law enforcement officers present to manage traffic and ensure safety.

C. For the purposes of this Ordinance, a “main intersection” is defined as:

1. The intersection of two named State Highways or State Roads; or
2. Any point along the event route that crosses a throughfare which the McDonald County Commission or Sheriff’s Office deems hazardous or in need of dedicated traffic control based on local traffic volume, speed limits, sight visibility, or historical safety concerns.
3. The McDonald County Sheriff and County Commission may, at their discretion, designate other intersections as main intersections for permitted events.

D. The law enforcement officers required under this section shall be designated and scheduled by McDonald County and may include deputies of the McDonald County Sheriff’s Office or officers from other local law enforcement agencies as coordinated by the County.

E. The event organizer shall be responsible for the full cost of law enforcement staffing and vehicle use, including:

1. \$75.00 per hour, per officer, for the duration of the event (including staging and demobilization time), with a four hour minimum;
2. A flat fuel surcharge for the use of any all emergency vehicles used, and any other support vehicles used and equipment, calculated by the County Commission and communicated in writing to the event organizer no less than fourteen (14) days prior to the scheduled event.

F. All such costs, including officer pay and fuel charges, must be paid in full prior to the event.

G. Failure to remit payment on the day of the event, or failure to secure the required law enforcement staffing as specified herein, shall result in the immediate revocation of the event permit and potential denial of future applications by the same sponsor.

SECTION 6. SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

A. All event participants and organizers must comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, including but not limited to:

- Missouri Revised Statutes;
- Missouri Vehicle and Traffic Laws;
- County ordinances and any local city or municipal regulations.

B. All traffic laws must be followed unless:

1. The intersection or roadway is actively protected by at least two (2) law enforcement officers, as specified in Section 5;

2. The deviation from normal traffic law is explicitly approved as part of the event permit and coordinated with appropriate agencies.

C. No person participating in or organizing an event governed by this Ordinance shall:

1. Block or impede emergency vehicles or access points;
2. Trespass on private property without consent;
3. Engage in conduct that endangers public safety or obstructs normal traffic without lawful authority.

D. The event must follow and ensure compliance from participants, sponsors, and other event attendees to comply with all of the requirements outlined in the event application, including the following:

1. All organizers agree to follow the agreement located in the event application.
2. The organizer shall ensure all participants of a cycling, road race, non-motorized event, or other event be made aware in writing and agree that they are to ride single file when vehicles are present and obey all traffic laws set forth by the State of Missouri.
3. The organizer acknowledges that the following activities are prohibited, marking the roads with temporary paint or chalk, unless approved by the County Commission, use of law enforcement from outside of Missouri and McDonald County, use of private property without written permission, blocking driveways or access points, public urination or defecation, harassment of residents or their pets.
4. The organizer agrees to provide a course marshal at all major intersections.

5. The organizer agrees to post warning signs for motorists in accordance with Missouri Department of Transportation standards.

6. Restrooms and trash receptacles will be provided by the event organizer and trash receptacles will be placed at all checkpoints and any location deemed necessary, restrooms should be indicated on the route map and made public for participants, spectators, workers, and the general public.

7. Within 48 hours after the event all signage must be removed, all debris cleaned up, any area disturbed restored to their original condition.

E. Violations of this section may result in revocation of the permit, a fine of up to \$1,000.00 dollars for each violation, termination of the event, and/or denial of future permit applications by the offending organizer or sponsor, and a ban from future events.

SECTION 7. APPLICABLE LAWS AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION

A. All activities conducted under a permit issued pursuant to this Ordinance shall remain subject to the laws of the United States, the State of Missouri, and the ordinances and regulations of McDonald County and any other applicable jurisdictions.

B. The issuance of any permit under this Ordinance is at the sole discretion of the McDonald County Commission. The Commission may deny a permit application if it determines, in its judgment, that the proposed event:

1. Presents a risk to public health, safety, or welfare;
2. Conflicts with other scheduled public events or functions;

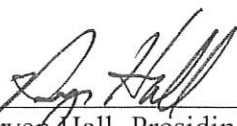
3. Has inadequate planning, insufficient information, or does not meet the requirements of this Ordinance;
4. Would unduly burden county resources or infrastructure;
5. For any other reason deemed necessary for the protection of the public interest and the citizens of McDonald County.

C. In the event of a denial, the applicant may request to appear before the McDonald County Commission to appeal the decision. Appeals must be submitted in writing and shall be scheduled for consideration at the next regular meeting of the Commission following receipt of the appeal request.

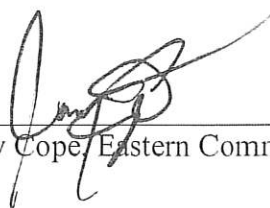
D. The County Commission's determination on appeal shall be final and binding.

SIGNATURES

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the McDonald County Commission this ^{4th}25 day of August, 2025.
This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption.



Bryan Hall, Presiding Commissioner



Jamey Cope, Eastern Commissioner



Rick Lett, Western Commissioner



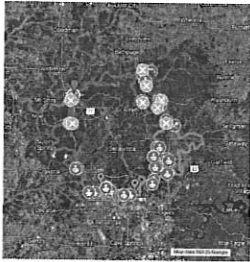


Outlook

Fw: Big Sugar Classic

From Jessica Cole <jcole@mcdonaldcountymissouri.gov>**Date** Wed 9/24/2025 11:41 AM**To** Jamey Cope <jamey.cope@mcdonaldcountymo.gov>; Bryan Hall <bryan.hall@mcdonaldcountymo.gov>; Rick Lett <rick.lett@mcdonaldcountymo.gov>**Cc** Rob Evenson <r.evenson@mcdonaldcountysheriff.com>**Bcc** Gregg Sweeten <gregg.sweeten@mcdonaldcountymo.gov>

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**Big Sugar 2025 - Google My Maps**

Big Sugar 2025

www.google.com

Subject: Re: Big Sugar Classic

Hey Jessica,

The markings in the map depict police and the triangle orange safety markings are showing variable message board (VMB) locations that will be placed a week prior. Police are not divided up into agencies yet until I have available numbers back from Highway patrol then as Sheriff Evenson stated he would backfill from there. Wherever we end up short on officers I am looking to place certified flaggers in those locations.

For the COI I tried to catch you yesterday afternoon before the end of day but I missed you. I just need a name of the cert holder. I have used the 502 Main st address for it but if that is not right, I can have them update.

I have spoken with and have emails between myself and Lt Jeff Johnson with Mo Hwy Patrol and have been copied on his email to the state looking for next steps in approval for assigning officers but nothing in writing guaranteeing a certain number of officers. The only other officers will be within the City of Pineville so I can get Gregg to provide that and with Sheriff Evenson and McDonald Co Sheriffs Dept who has been in all of the meetings so I should be able to get something signed from him as well if needed?

Happy to discuss if a call is easier.
Sean Thurman

Respectfully,

Jessica Cole

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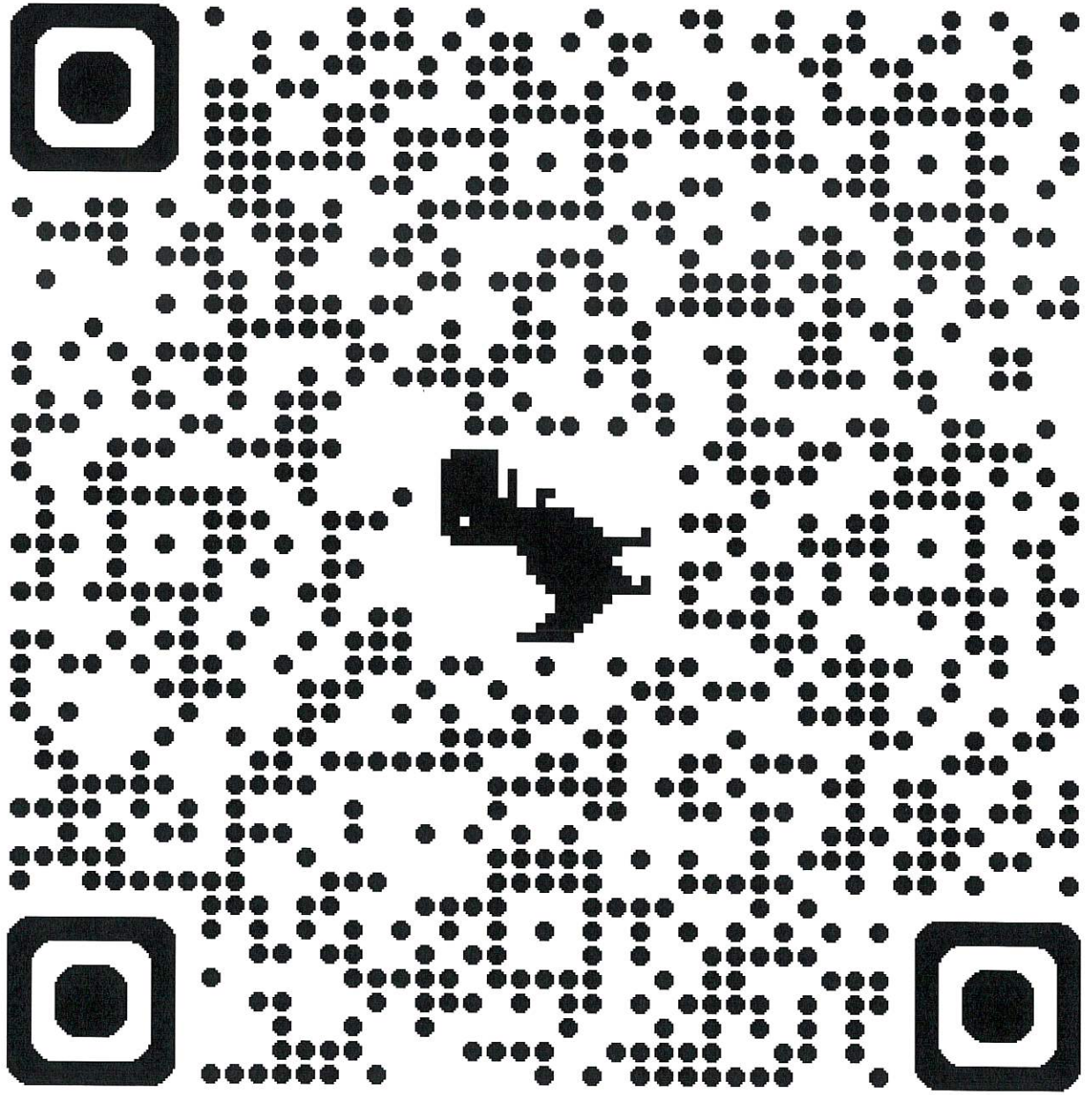
Billing: accounts.payable@mcdonaldcountymo.gov

Elections: mcdonald.county@sos.mo.gov

Commissioners: (417)-223-7516 or bryan.hall@mcdonaldcountymo.gov

"If everyone is moving forward together, then success takes care of itself" -Henry Ford

Map of Race
Oct 18, 2025





McDonald County, Missouri – Special Event Permit Application

This application is required under McDonald County Ordinance 2025-003 for all organized non-motorized special events using state highways, county roads, or local roads. Events include, but are not limited to, races, rides, marches, or rallies involving participants traveling on foot, bicycle, or other non-motorized means. Permits are required if the event lasts longer than 2 hours, involves any public road, and has 25 or more participants. Applications must be submitted at least 30 days prior to the event. Final approval will be granted administratively by the McDonald County Commission.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Event Name: _____

Event Date(s): _____ Event Hours: Start: _____ End: _____

Expected Number of Participants: _____

Event Website: _____

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Event Organizer/Sponsor: _____

Contact Person: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____ Cell: (____) _____

Email: _____

On-Site Event Manager: _____ Cell: (____) _____

EVENT DETAILS

Event Description: (Provide a detailed description including purpose, activities, and unique aspects)

Previous Events: Have you organized similar events in McDonald County before? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please list dates and event names: _____

Proposed Route: (Attach detailed route map showing all roads to be used)

Start/Finish Location: _____

Rest Stops/Aid Stations: (List all locations) _____

INITIAL CONSULTATION VERIFICATION

☐ I have completed an initial consultation with County Commissioners and Sheriff

Date of consultation: _____

County staff present: _____

Route concerns identified: _____

TRAFFIC SAFETY PLAN

Traffic Control Measures:

List all major intersections requiring course marshals as identified by McDonald County or the State of Missouri:

Signage Plan: Attach map showing locations of warning signs for motorists and/or signage for participants.

Signage Removal Plan: Describe how/when (within 48 hours) all event-related signage will be removed:

Will you be using local groups for signage & trash removal: YES _____ NO _____

PROPERTY PROTECTION PLAN

Private Property Usage: Will your event require use of any private property? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If yes, attach written permission from all property owners.

Road Markings: Will your event require any temporary markings on roads? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If yes, describe marking method and removal plan: _____

Resident Notification Plan:

Describe how residents along the route will be notified of the event:

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Medical Services: Describe medical support arrangements: _____

Police/Sheriff Arrangements: Describe security arrangements: _____

Note: Use of law enforcement from outside of Missouri/McDonald County is prohibited without written consent of the McDonald County Commissioners.

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

The following insurance documentation must be attached:

- ☐ Certificate of Liability Insurance (minimum \$1,000,000 per occurrence)
- ☐ McDonald County listed as additional insured

FEES AND DEPOSITS

Application Fee: \$_____ (\$500 -Non-refundable)

Officer Fee \$_____ per officer used \$75/hour minimum of four hours.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND AGREEMENT

By signing below, I certify that:

Initial each item to indicate your understanding and agreement.

- _____ I agree to comply with all requirements outlined in this application.
- _____ I acknowledge that all participants must be made aware in writing that they are to:
 - Ride single-file when vehicles are present
 - Obey all traffic laws set forth by the State of Missouri
- _____ I acknowledge that the following activities are prohibited:
 - Marking of roads with temporary paint/chalk unless approved by the County Commission
 - Use of law enforcement from outside of Missouri/McDonald County
 - Use of private property without written permission
 - Blocking driveways or access points
 - Public urination or defecation
 - Harassment of residents or their pets
- _____ I agree to provide course marshals at all major intersections as identified by McDonald County or the State of Missouri.
- _____ I agree to coordinate with the McDonald County Sheriff's Department for law enforcement support. Law enforcement fee is \$75/hr. per person paid to the appropriate city/county departments.
- _____ I agree to post warning signs for motorists in accordance with Missouri Department of Transportation standards.
- _____ I agree to maintain emergency vehicle access at all times.
- _____ I agree to provide restroom facilities at locations indicated on the route map.
- _____ I agree to place trash receptacles at all checkpoints.
- _____ I agree to remove all event-related signage within 48 hours.
- _____ I agree to restore any disturbed areas to their original condition.
- _____ I agree to clean up any trash left by participants within 48 hours, preferably by utilizing local non-profits as a way to raise money for their organizations.
- _____ I understand that violations may result in immediate event suspension, fines up to \$1,000 per violation, and a ban from future event permits.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Print Name: _____ Title: _____

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY

Application Received On – Date: _____ By: _____

Application Fee Paid On – Date: \$ _____ Receipt #: _____

☐ Application Complete ☐ Application Incomplete

Comments: _____

Sheriff's Department Review: ☐ Approved ☐ Denied Date: _____

Describe reasons for denial _____

Signature: _____ Title: _____

County Commission Review: ☐ Approved ☐ Denied Date: _____

Describe reasons for denial _____

Signature: _____ Title: _____

APPROVED BY MCDONALD COUNTY COMMISSION ON THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 202__

Jamey Cope
Eastern Commissioner

Bryan Hall
Presiding Commissioner

Rick Lett
Western Commissioner

