



# CHARLOTTE COUNTY FACILITY RULES

*ALL COUNTY FACILITIES ARE RESERVED FOR THE CONDUCT OF OFFICIAL COUNTY BUSINESS ONLY. THE FOLLOWING CONDUCT IS PROHIBITED IN OR ON COUNTY-OWNED AND MANAGED FACILITIES, INCLUDING BUILDINGS, LANDS AND CONVEYANCES (THERE MAY ALSO BE ADDITIONAL RULES SPECIFIC TO CERTAIN KINDS OF COUNTY FACILITIES SUCH AS LIBRARIES, PARKS, ETC.).*

## **THE FOLLOWING CONDUCT IS PROHIBITED BY COUNTY ORDINANCE 2016-027**

1. Engaging in any activity prohibited by law.
2. Engaging in activities or behaviors that are likely to, or do, result in injury or harm to others.
3. Engaging in activities or behaviors that are likely to, or do, result in damage to County property.
4. Failing to follow posted conduct and safety rules relating to COVID-19 or other declared state of emergency while in or on County facilities, conveyances or land.
5. Tampering with or unauthorized use of building systems or devices, including electrical, plumbing, locks, doors, or cameras.
6. Entering into areas reserved for employees or otherwise not open to the general public, without authorization.
7. Solicitation of petitions, pamphleteering, demonstrating, protesting or carrying banners or signs anywhere inside of County buildings or conveyances, or in areas where such activities are otherwise prohibited on County lands. However, these activities may be done in an orderly manner outside of the entryway of any County-owned building, on any public sidewalk or public right-of-way near or adjacent to any County-owned building, or in areas otherwise designated for expressive activity, **provided they do not impede ingress or egress; interfere with the use of County facilities by visitors, employees or County officials; or harass visitors, employees or County officials.** Rules governing citizen conduct, including speech and signs, during public meetings of the Board of County Commissioners can be found at Section 3.01 of the Administrative Code and Section 1.12 of the Rules of Procedure, Board of County Commissioners, Charlotte County, available online at [www.charlottecountyfl.gov](http://www.charlottecountyfl.gov).
8. Audio or video recording anywhere inside of County buildings or conveyances, except during public meetings as provided below, or as otherwise approved by the County Administrator. Any audio or video recording that is conducted outside of County buildings must be done in an orderly manner and must not interfere with the use of County facilities by visitors; impede County employees or County officials in the performance of their duties; or harass visitors, employees or County officials. Any person recording another must cease doing so immediately if any visitor, County employee or County official who is not directly performing public duties expresses his or her desire not to be recorded. **Anyone failing to immediately cease audio or video recording any visitor, employee or County official who is not directly performing public duties, and who has expressed a desire not to be recorded, will be immediately trespassed without warning.** (This does not apply to: 1) Authorized law enforcement personnel, or 2) County officials, where either are directly performing public duties on matters of public concern.) Audio or video recording of public meetings is permitted provided it is done in a quiet and orderly manner, does not interfere with the conduct of the meeting, does not block the view of any person attending the public meeting and does not block any aisle, row, ingress or egress. Rules governing citizen conduct during public meetings of the Board of County Commissioners can be found at Section 3.01 of the Administrative Code and Section 1.12 of the Rules of Procedure, Board of County Commissioners, Charlotte County, available online at [www.charlottecountyfl.gov](http://www.charlottecountyfl.gov).
9. Unauthorized leaving or storing of personal property, with or without the intention to return and reclaim. All unattended property shall be removed by designated County staff and will be retained for a limited period of time only and then disposed of in accordance with law. Persons wishing to reclaim lost or abandoned property should call the County's Security Coordinator at 941/764-4922.
10. Disruptive, harassing or unsafe behavior, including conduct which interferes with County employees or County officials in the performance of their duties, or interferes with the proper use of the County facility by others.
11. Possessing, selling, distributing, or consuming any alcoholic beverage, except as allowed by a permit at an approved event, or allowed by a park rule.
12. Smoking, the use of tobacco products, and the use of e-cigarettes or other vaping devices inside all County facilities.
13. Blocking access to any County building, doorway, walkway, ramp, road, parking access, or steps for any purpose without authorization.
14. Remaining in a County building after posted hours of operation or after the conclusion of an "after hours" public meeting.
15. Bringing pets inside County buildings and conveyances, except service animals specifically trained to aid persons with disabilities.
16. Failure to cease conduct specifically prohibited in items 1 through 15 above immediately after a request by County staff to do so.

**If an individual fails to immediately cease conduct prohibited by these Rules upon request, a Trespass Warning may be issued by the County Administrator (or his or her designee) pursuant to County Ordinance 2016-027. Charlotte County reserves the right to contact law enforcement in any circumstance involving a violation of these Facility Rules or where a person having been issued a Trespass Warning fails to immediately leave the premises.**