

Riunite Franks

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Subject: RE: SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT APPLICATION; Florida Hemp Festival

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Good Morning-

I would like to clarify that PBSO permit deputies are not authorized to monitor areas outside of the VIP section for ID checks. While we are willing to assist by positioning deputies outside the VIP area to turn away underage individuals, this would require coordination with security personnel to verify identification.

Additionally, PBSO deputies are not equipped to distinguish between hemp and marijuana. As a result, ensuring there is no illegal activity occurring in public spaces may prove challenging. Since it is legal to smoke hemp, preventing it from being consumed outside of the VIP area would be difficult and should not be expected of our deputies.

Thank you for your understanding.

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Sent: Wednesday, February 19, 2025 5:04 PM

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Hello Everyone ☺,

Attached for your review/approval, please find a Special Event Permit Application submitted by Shelby L. Lowe from Southeast Florida Public Market Fair Association, Inc. for Florida

Hemp Festival to take place on the west side of Kelsey Park on Saturday, July 12 and Sunday, July 13, 2025 from 3:00 PM – 9:00 PM on both days. Timeframe including setup and breakdown will be from 7:00 AM – 11:00 PM on Saturday and Sunday, as well as an undetermined timeframe on the following Monday.

There is a meeting scheduled for review of this application with the event organizer on Monday, March 3. If you have any questions in advance of this meeting please let me know.

Thank you and have a great day!

Sara N. Notgarnie

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