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# Fairgrounds/Racetrack Noise Ordinance

**Board of Supervisors**

**Worksession**

**June 2023**

# Fairgrounds Overview

- 1957, First fair at existing site.
- 2011, Fairgrounds leased to Central Arizona Fair Assoc. (CAFA)
  - Includes a management agreement to operate the facility on behalf of the County
- Current Conditions
  - Annual visitation= 64,000 (+/-)
  - Events hosted;
    - County Fair
    - Farm Show
    - Bluegrass Festival
    - Gourd Festival
    - RV Rally
    - Fall-a-Palooza
    - Motor Sport Races



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# Racetrack History

- 1961 (approx), Horse racetrack introduced to fairgrounds site.
- 1969, Horse racetrack converted to auto racetrack
- Originally a ¼ mile dirt track, updated in 2012 to a 3/8 mile track
- New racetrack sublease approved by CAFA Board and the Board of Supervisors in Sept 2022



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# Current Racetrack Overview

- Typical racing season, Sept-Nov and Jan-June.
- Races are typically held on 2 Saturdays a month, 2 months have both Friday and Saturday races
- There are typically 4-5 “practice” days throughout the year. These are generally held on a Friday before a Saturday race and run from 6-9 pm.
- Attendance since January is approximately 30,000



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# Fairgrounds Zoning Information

- County initiated rezoning of the property in 2007
- Process included:
  - A neighborhood meeting,
  - P&Z meeting/recommendations
  - Board of Supervisor meeting and approval.
- Includes:
  - PZ-055-06
  - PZPD-005-06, 15 Stipulations, including hours of operation and muffler use
  - SUP-001-007, 12 Stipulations



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# Noise Ordinance

- Sec 10-27 (14) Exemptions
  - Motorized sporting events which have successfully completed either the site plan or the commercial site plan review process. Uses approved shall not exceed the 120 decibels level at the property line of this event.
- Recent noise readings by CAFA, Racetrack operator and PCSO indicate that the noise level is below the decibel levels outlined in the ordinance.



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# Enforcement

- Zoning
  - Community Development (through Code Enforcement)
- Noise Ordinance
  - PCSO



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