

RESOLUTION 2023-BC-R-21

**RESOLUTION OF THE MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AUTHORIZING THE DENIAL OF ENTRY TO INTOXICATED VISITORS AT
THE MADISON COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER**

WHEREAS, the Madison County Board of Commissioners recognizes the importance of maintaining a safe and secure environment for all individuals visiting the Madison County Government Center; and

WHEREAS, incidents involving visitors who are visibly intoxicated by drugs or alcohol pose a potential risk to their own well-being and the safety of others at the Madison County Government Center; and

WHEREAS, it is essential to ensure the protection of individuals, County employees, and County property at the Madison County Government Center by allowing Madison County Sheriff Deputies the authority to deny entry to visitors who are reasonably believed to be intoxicated by drugs or alcohol; and

WHEREAS, providing Madison County Sheriff Deputies with the discretion to assess and act upon situations involving intoxicated visitors will promote a safer and more secure environment at the Madison County Government Center.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Madison County Board of Commissioners, that:

Section 1: Authorization for Madison County Sheriff Deputies

- 1.1 The Madison County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes Madison County Sheriff Deputies, as designated by the County Sheriff, to refuse entry to any visitor who, in their reasonable belief, is visibly intoxicated by drugs or alcohol at the Madison County Government Center.
- 1.2 Madison County Sheriff Deputies shall exercise their discretion in assessing the sobriety of visitors and may take into consideration any observable signs of intoxication, including but not limited to slurred speech, unsteady gait, erratic behavior, or the smell of alcohol or drugs.

Section 2: Communication and Documentation

- 2.1 Madison County Sheriff Deputies shall make a reasonable effort to communicate with the intoxicated visitor, explaining the reason for their refusal of entry and offering assistance if necessary, such as contacting a sober individual for support or arranging alternative transportation.
- 2.2 Madison County Sheriff Deputies shall maintain documentation of all instances in

which entry is refused due to intoxication at the Madison County Government Center. This documentation shall include the date, time, location, names of Madison County Sheriff Deputies involved, a description of the visitor's behavior, and any actions taken.

Section 3: Appeals Process

- 3.1 Visitors who have been refused entry based on the reasonable belief of Madison County Sheriff Deputies at the Madison County Government Center may appeal the decision to the County Sheriff, County Administrator, or their designee.
- 3.2 The County Sheriff, County Administrator, or their designee shall conduct a review of the situation and make a determination on whether the refusal of entry was justified. The decision of the County Sheriff or their designee shall be final.


Section 4: Effective Date

- 4.1 This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption by the Madison County Board of Commissioners.

SO RESOLVED THIS 17th DAY OF October, 2023.

MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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