

ARTS UNITED OF GREAT FORT WAYNE

TASTE OF THE ARTS FREE SPEECH POLICY

Arts United of Greater Fort Wayne is a private non-profit organization permitted temporary exclusive control for the designated location for the Taste of the Arts Festival. Acknowledging the pivotal role art has played in our historic right to free speech, Arts United of Greater Fort Wayne desires to provide individuals and organizations with the following:

Individual free speech and freedom of assembly may occur within the Taste of the Arts festival grounds in any lawful form or manner as guaranteed by the constitutions of the United States and the State of Indiana. Consistent with the protections of the law, free speech activities are subject to the following restrictions and guidelines in order to protect the health, safety, welfare and public accessibility of the festival for all participants.

Individuals and organizations exercising free speech during the Taste of the Arts are required to follow the laws and ordinances of United States, the State of Indiana, Allen County and the City of Fort Wayne, including but not limited to obtaining all required permits.

Free speech activities are subject to lawful time, place and manner regulations necessary to protect the public health, safety and welfare, including safety and security considerations, the rights of others to exercise free speech and freedom of assembly, minimizing the disruption to Taste of the Arts festival activities and limiting activities to those consistent with the festival's child-friendly art theme.

Consistent with the protections of the United States and the State of Indiana constitutions in order to preserve the free speech rights of others, outbursts or similar actions which disrupts or is likely to disrupt any Taste of the Arts festival or proceeding, is prohibited.

Designated representatives of Arts United, including security personnel hired to protect the public health, safety and welfare of all Taste of the Arts participants, may enforce any and all applicable statutes and ordinances regarding blocking public sidewalks, disorderly conduct, blocking entrances to public buildings, assault, battery and the like consistent with the requirements of the constitutions of the United States and the State of Indiana.