



Policy Name:	Policy Concerning Authority and Use of the Gunnison County Courthouse, the Blackstock Government Center, and the Health and Human Services Building Grounds		Policy Number:	5.2.2
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PURPOSE

The Board of County Commissioners of Gunnison County (the "Board") owns and oversees the buildings, improvements, maintenance and use of the Gunnison County Courthouse, the Blackstock Government Center, and the Health and Human Services building. Pursuant to Colorado Revised Statutes, 18-9-117(b), the Board also has the power to control, manage and supervise the buildings and property, and to adopt such orders, rules or regulations as are reasonably necessary for the administration, protection and maintenance of such buildings and property.

Each of the three buildings and properties has certain outdoor areas that can be made available by the Board for public use. The Board recognizes the value of having such facilities available for public use, but that such use has raised issues about maintenance costs, security, County staff and contracted maintenance crews. A study of comparable spaces in the community indicates that fees are charged for use by public groups of outdoor public areas, and that such fees offset a portion of costs of security, maintenance and improvements. The Board finds it in the best interest of public safety and fiscal responsibility that the use of outdoor public areas by groups of 15 or more persons on the three County-owned public properties for non-County functions shall not be allowed without the written consent from the Facilities and Grounds Department.

SCOPE

This policy applies to all residents and visitors to Gunnison County.

DEFINITIONS

1. Gunnison County Courthouse – located at 200 E. Virginia Avenue, Gunnison, CO 81230.
2. Blackstock Government Center – located at 221 N. Wisconsin Street, Gunnison, CO 81230.
3. Health and Human Services Building – located at 220 N. Spruce Street, Gunnison, CO 81230.

POLICY STATEMENTS

Public outdoor areas on the Gunnison County Courthouse, the Blackstock Government Center and the Health and Human Services building grounds may be scheduled for public use as follows:

- a. Groups comprised of 15 or more people will need to obtain prior written authorization from the Facilities and Grounds Department. The collection of a \$150 security deposit shall be required, and the deposit will be refunded within 10 business days upon post-use inspection and the finding of no damage to the property. The cost of repairs for any damages caused by a group shall be the sole responsibility of the group, and the costs will be deducted from the security deposit prior to refund of the balance. If the total cost of repairs is more than the amount of the deposit, the additional amount will be charged to the group.
- b. Groups comprised of less than 15 persons will not need to obtain prior written authorization,

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and a security deposit will not be required.

The Board of County Commissioners of Gunnison County retains the full and exclusive authority to make further orders, rules or regulations regarding the Gunnison County Courthouse, the Blackstock Government Center, the Health and Human Services building, or grounds as the Board of County Commissioners of Gunnison County, Colorado deems reasonably necessary.

COMPLIANCE

This policy shall be complied with in all respects. Revisions to this policy may occur and every attempt will be made to provide prior notice of any such change. However, when deemed necessary in order to fully protect the County's interests, the interest of the public, and to more fully protect the safety of the public, including employees governed by this policy, this policy may be changed without notice.

APPLICABLE LEGISLATION AND/OR RELATED REGULATIONS, POLICIES AND FORMS

1. Colorado Revised Statutes, 18-9-117(b)
2. Gunnison County Policy #5.2.1; Policy Concerning Authority and Use of the Gunnison County Courthouse, the Blackstock Government Center, and the Health and Human Services Building