



## DOUGLAS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE WATER PATROL

### TEMPORARY STRUCTURE PERMIT REGULATIONS FOR

### ICE / HOCKEY RINKS WITH SIDE BOARDS APPLICANTS

Once you receive your permit authorizing the placement of your boarded rink; the permit will be valid for the winter season the permit was issued. During that period, you are required to renew the permit if one or more of the following occurs:

- When your address or location of the temporary structure changes; or
- When your permission from the property / landowner is revoked
- When your structure is found to be non-compliant with the policies and/or regulations set forth

The Sheriff's Office Water Patrol takes great care to ensure the safe navigation of all persons using the public waters of Douglas County, to accomplish this, Deputies will inspect and monitor your temporary structure to ensure that it is in compliance with the following regulations and guidelines:

- The permit number is displayed in not less than 3" in height numerals on the outside of one of the end boards
- The boarded rink must have enough reflectorized material so as to indicate its size and shape from all angles—the reflectorized material must be spaced no less than eight feet apart
- The rink **MUST** be within 100 feet from shore
- The rink cannot be a hazard to the general public
- The structure must be removed by March 15<sup>th</sup>, so as not to create a hazard for developing thin ice and spring weather conditions

Please understand that ANY structure placed on the public waters within Douglas County remain your responsibility to maintain. This however, does not prevent someone from using your structure. By issuing you a *temporary structure permit*, Douglas County, by Rule of Law, is not liable for any injuries or property damage by persons using, crashing into, or damage caused by, your temporary water structure.

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