

NOTICE OF APPLICANT BACKGROUND CHECKS AND EMPLOYEE INVESTIGATIVE POLICY

Marion County recognizes the importance of maintaining a safe workplace with employees who are honest, trustworthy, qualified, reliable and non-violent, and do not present a risk of serious harm to their co-employees or others. For purposes of furthering these concerns and interests, before hiring an individual, Marion County reserves the right to investigate the individual's prior employment history, personal references and educational background, as well as other relevant information that is reasonably available to Marion County. In hiring for certain positions, Marion County may review an applicant's credit report and criminal background, if any. Consistent with these practices, all job applicants will be asked to sign a provision form, request, authorization, consent and release of information to Marion County and release form liability for disclosure of information included in Marion County's application form. Consistent with legal requirements, Marion County reserves the right to exclude any applicant from consideration for employment, where the applicant refuses to sign the application form as requested.

In addition, Marion County may occasionally find it necessary to investigate current employees, where behavior or other relevant circumstances raise legitimate questions concerning work performance, reliability, honesty, trustworthiness, or potential threat to the safety of co-employees or others. Employee investigations may, where appropriate, include credit reports and investigation of criminal records, including appropriate inquiries about any arrest for which the employee is out on bail. Employees subject to such investigations are required to reasonably cooperate with Marion County's lawful efforts to obtain relevant information, and may be disciplined up to and including discharge for failure to do so.

All employees are strongly encouraged to immediately report any incidents of potentially threatening, harmful or criminal behavior of co-employees, supervisors, customers, clients or visitors that may negatively affect the safety, security, productivity or financial interests of Marion County or its workplace to Human Resources.

Marion County's separate policies regarding Company Property, Security, Privacy and Searches, and its Drug-Free Workplace Policy, provide further information about Marion County's discretion to investigate employees and mandatory employee reporting obligations. After receiving an offer of employment, any job applicant who wishes to review these policies before deciding whether to accept employment may do so by contacting Human Resources.