

## **Dodge County Web Site Use Policy**

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### **Content Policy**

Dodge County assumes no liability for any damages of any kind that might arise from the use of, misuse of or the inability to use the County's website and/or the information contained on the website. The County also assumes no liability for improper or incorrect use of materials or information contained on its website. Use of said information on the website shall be at the user's sole risk.

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Dodge County reserves the right to decide what links, if any, to include on its web site. The web site and any links should be targeted to focus on Dodge County government, the residents of Dodge County and the health and well-being of our communities.

State law prohibits the use of county resources for campaign or political advertising on behalf of any party, committee, agency, or candidate for political office. (Minn. Stat. § 211B.09). This does not prohibit use of county resources to discuss or examine political topics or issues of public interest, so long as it does not advocate for or against a particular party, committee, agency, or candidate.

### **Security Policy**

To ensure that the Dodge County web site remains available to the public, we monitor network traffic to identify unauthorized attempts to change information or cause other damage to the site. Adding, removing, or modifying identifying network header information in an effort to deceive or mislead is prohibited. Attempting to impersonate any person by using forged headers or other identifying information is prohibited. Interference with or disruption of other network users, network services or network equipment is prohibited. We reserve the right to restrict usage that may compromise the performance or security of our web site.

### **E-mail**

Directly or indirectly sending viruses, hoaxes, chain letters, advertisements, unsolicited commercial e-mail, or large volumes of unsolicited e-mail (SPAM), whether or not that e-mail is commercial in nature, is strictly prohibited.

### **Privacy Violations**

You may not attempt to gain access to any electronic systems, networks or data, without proper consent.

### **Threats**

Verbal or written threats of bodily harm or destruction of property made through email, online forms or uploaded files or links are prohibited.

### **Harassment**

Harassing activity toward any individual or group for any reason, including but not limited to race, religion, gender, or sexual orientation, is prohibited.

### **Illegal Use**

The use of the County website for illegal purposes is prohibited.

### **Consequences of Inappropriate Use**

The County may take any one or more of the following actions in response to inappropriate use:

- Issue written or verbal warnings;
- Report the offender(s) to the appropriate legal authorities