

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-BC-R- 17

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
MADISON COUNTY, INDIANA, ADOPTING A COMMENTS POLICY
FOR ALL MADISON COUNTY SOCIAL MEDIA SITES**

WHEREAS, to better inform the public as to upcoming events and official action taken by various Madison County Agencies, Madison County Board of Commissioners deems it desirable for the Madison County Information Technology Department (“IT Department”) to establish and maintain various on-line social media sites; and;

WHEREAS, Madison County Board of Commissioners also deems these sites an excellent opportunity for citizens to communicate concerns or to provide feedback relating to Madison County Government; and

WHEREAS, that in order to properly balance the County’s desire for a productive public forum and free speech considerations, the Commissioners deem it desirable to establish a policy for the regulation of comments made on Madison County regulated social media sites and pages; and


WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners (“Commissioners”) deems it desirable to adopt the attached Madison County, Indiana Comments Policy (Exhibit “A”), which shall be enforced by the Madison County IT Department.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MADISON COUNTY, INDIANA, that the Madison County, Indiana Comments Policy attached hereto as Exhibit “A” is hereby adopted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Madison County Information Technology Department is hereby directed to enforce the policy contained in Exhibit “A”.

SO RESOLVED this 7 day of December, 2021.

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Madison County, Indiana Comments Policy

The purpose of this site is to present matters relevant to the services, activities, issues, or policies of Madison County. We encourage you to submit your questions, comments, criticisms and concerns, but please note that this is a moderated online discussion site and not a public forum.

Material covered by this policy includes not just comments, but also images and links to other sites. The county reserves the right to remove any material that, in whole or in part, does not comply with this policy or applicable law.

The county also reserves the right to remove material that

1. contains anything obscene, vulgar or sexually explicit
2. is spam
3. advocates or depicts illegal activity
4. targets or disparages any ethnic, racial, religious, gender, or other type of group
5. contains personal attacks of any kind
6. promotes private business ventures, services, products
7. campaigns for public office or promotes a political organization or candidate
8. infringes on copyrights or trademarks
9. jeopardizes the safety of personnel, or the conduct of operations or investigations
10. is off topic

Programs or events provided by organizations that serve Madison County residents and receive funding or support from the county or provide professional support to special populations served by county programs are not considered private business ventures, services, or products.

In addition, the county reserves the right to remove material containing computer viruses or that otherwise may disrupt, damage or restrict the use of any computer software or hardware or telecommunications equipment.

Please note that material posted on this site or links created by anyone other than the county does not reflect the opinions and position of Madison County.