



City of Joliet Social Media Post/Comment Policy

- A. Comments containing any of the following inappropriate content shall not be permitted on COJ social media sites and are subject to removal and/or restriction by the Administrator or his/her designees:
1. Comments not related to the original topic, including random or unintelligible comments;
 2. Profane, obscene, violent, sexual, or pornographic content and/or language;
 3. Content that promotes, fosters, or perpetuates discrimination on the basis of race, color, age, religion, gender, sexual orientation, or national origin;
 4. Posts that do not promote civil discussion;
 5. Defamatory statements or personal attacks
 6. Threats to any person or organization;
 7. Posts/comments in support of, or in opposition to, any political campaigns or ballot measures;
 8. Solicitation of commerce, including advertising or any business or product for sale;
 9. Conduct in violation of any federal, state, or local law;
 10. Encouragement of illegal activity;
 11. Information that may tend to compromise the safety or security of the public or public systems;
 12. Spam or links to other sites;
 13. The promotion of service, products, or activities not related to COJ business
 14. Information about an individual that is private or personal; or
 15. Content that violates a legal ownership interest, such as a copyright or trademark.
- B. A comment posted by a member of the public on any COJ social media site is the opinion of the poster only, and publication of a comment does not imply endorsement of, or agreement by, the City, nor do the comments necessarily reflect the opinion or policies of the City.
- C. The City of Joliet reserves the right to deny access to COJ social media sites for any individual who violates the City's social media policy, at any time and without prior notice.
- D. When a City of Joliet employee responds to a comment in his/her capacity as a City employee, the employee's name and title should be made available, and the employee should not share personal information about himself or herself, or other City employees.
- E. All comments posted to any COJ Facebook sites are bound by Facebook's Statement of Rights and Responsibilities, located at <http://www.facebook.com/terms.php>, and the City of Joliet reserves the right to report any violation of Facebook's Statement of Rights and Responsibilities to Facebook with the intent of Facebook taking appropriate and reasonable responsive action.
- F. Users who enter private or personal information on COJ social media sites do so at their own risk, and the City is not responsible for any damages resulting from the public display of, or failure to remove, private or personal information.
- G. The City of Joliet will post a "terms of use policy" on its website, in substantially the form attached as Exhibit A, and provide links to the policy on its social media sites. The terms of use policy may be amended from time-to-time, without further notice.