



City of Katy Website Policy

Purpose

The City of Katy has developed and maintains a general use website for the benefit of the general public. Operation of the website is designed to provide citizens of the city, visitors, private and public organizations, and other interested parties information about the operations of the City of Katy, local tourism, and other community issues deemed important by the City of Katy.

Policy

It is the policy of the City of Katy to continuously work towards a website that meets this purpose in a manner that is as accurate as possible and meets the standards and needs of the community. Material and information posted on this website, including but not limited to links to websites not controlled by the City of Katy, are subjected to the following limitations and other relevant City of Katy policy.

1. Outside Websites

- A. Outside websites are defined as any website that is not maintained by the City of Katy or that the City of Katy lacks control over any part, including but not limited to content or security of the website.
- B. The following outside websites are permissible for the city of Katy to link to:
 1. Governmental, educational, and other non-profit organizations with some relationship to the City of Katy.
 2. Regionally recognized organizations with a focus on tourism.
- C. The following outside websites are not permissible for the City of Katy to link to:
 1. Any websites that are deemed to be in conflict with the City of Katy.
 2. Candidates for local, state, or federal offices.
 3. Political organizations or other organizations advocating a position on a local, state or federal issue.
 4. Corporate or other for-profit organizations unless they fit any of the criteria stated above.
 5. Individual or personal home pages.
 6. Websites with pornographic, obscene, or indecent content.
 7. Any illegal act, unless depicted in a public service announcement for the health, safety or welfare of the community.
 8. Any messages that are deemed inconsistent with or contrary to the vision or mission of the City of Katy or its' policies and procedures, including sexual or other prohibited harassment or discrimination policies and workplace violence.
- D. Any webpage controlled by the City of Katy (as defined in Section 2) that links to an outside website will contain the following disclaimer: "In order to provide visitors with certain information, this website provides links to federal, state, and local government agencies, and websites of other organizations. A link does not constitute an endorsement of the content, viewpoint, accuracy, opinions, policies, products, services, or accessibility of that website. Once you link to another website from this website, you are subject to the terms and conditions of that website, including, but not limited to, its privacy policy."
- E. Outside websites that do not meet the following quality requirements will not be linked to or will be removed from the City of Katy's website is already present:
 1. The website is not managed in a professional manner
 2. Not operational or generally unavailable
 3. Not maintained or regularly updated
 4. Provides inaccurate information
 5. Contains illegal or inappropriate content.

2. The City of Katy Website

- A. Any website that is operated and maintained by the City of Katy, or that the City of Katy hosts at public expense is considered a City of Katy website. The content of any City of Katy website is subject to any relevant City of Katy policies.
- B. Usage of the City of Katy Brand and Identity is restricted to the City of Katy.

3. The City of Katy Online Calendar

- A. The City of Katy will maintain complete editorial control over all material present on the online calendar, and reserves the right to change, add, or remove content without notice.
- B. Information posted on the online calendar is limited to those events occurring within the City of Katy only, unless the event can be reasonably construed as significantly benefiting the residents of the City of Katy.

4. Responsibility and Control

- A. The City of Katy will maintain complete editorial control over all material present on the www.cityofkaty.com website, and reserves the right to change, add, or remove content without notice.
- B. The City of Katy reserves the right to remove links that are in violation of this policy.
- C. The City Administration or appropriate department director will have final authority and responsibility over any content on the City of Katy's website.

5. Legal Responsibility

- A. The laws of the State of Texas and the United States of America govern this agreement. If any part of the agreement is determined to be invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of the agreement shall continue in effect.
- B. The City of Katy has taken reasonable measures to ensure that the information and data presented on this website is accurate and current. However, the City makes no express or implied warranty regarding such information or data, and hereby expressly disclaims all legal liability and responsibility to persons or entities that use or access this site and its content, based on their reliance on any information or data that is available through this website.