

RESOLUTION NO. 27

RESOLUTION OF THE LAPEL TOWN COUNCIL REGARDING USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA/INTERNET AND ADOPTING A COMMENTS POLICY FOR ALL TOWN OF LAPEL SOCIAL MEDIA SITES

WHEREAS, to better inform the public as to upcoming events and official action taken by various Town agencies and boards, the Town of Lapel, by and through the Lapel Town Council (“Council”) has established and maintains various on-line social media sites; and,

WHEREAS, the Council also deems these sites an excellent opportunity for citizens to communicate concerns or to provide feedback relating to Town government; and

WHEREAS, to properly balance the Town’s desire for a productive public forum and free speech considerations, the Council deems it desirable to establish a policy for the regulation of comments made on Town regulated social media sites and pages; and,

WHEREAS, the Council deems it desirable to adopt the attached “Comments Policy” (Exhibit “A”), which shall be enforced by _____.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Comments Policy attached hereto as Exhibit “A” is hereby adopted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the _____ of the Town of Lapel is hereby directed to enforce the policy contained in Exhibit “A”.

SO RESOLVED this _____ day of _____, 202__.

[Signature Page Follows]

TOWN OF LAPEL, INDIANA, BY ITS TOWN COUNCIL

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Comments Policy – Exhibit “A”

The purpose of this site is to present matters relevant to the services, activities, issues, or policies of the Town of Lapel (“Town”). 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 Town reserves the right to remove any material that, in whole or in part, does not comply with this policy or applicable law.

The Town 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 the Town of Lapel residents and receive funding or support from the Town or provide professional support to special populations served by Town programs are not considered private business ventures, services, or products.

In addition, the Town 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 Town does not reflect the opinions and position of the Town of Lapel.