

Resolution 2021-007
Adopting Harris Township Social Media Policy

WHEREAS, certain social media pages owned by government entities are considered a public forum by the United States Supreme Court; and

WHEREAS, By considering a social media page a public forum, a government owner of a social media page must not discriminate against one for posts that are not explicitly discriminatory against protected classes or contain offensive content; and

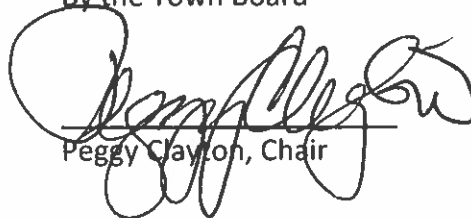
WHEREAS, Harris Township owns a social media page; and

WHEREAS, Harris Township welcomes constructive criticism, as long as it is done in a respectful manner; and






NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The Town of Harris, Itasca County, Minnesota, adopts the following social media policy to mitigate free-speech issues when regulating their social media Facebook page.

Approved by the Harris Town Board this 27th day of January, 2021.

By the Town Board


Peggy Clayton, Chair

Attest: 
Roxanne Christie, Clerk

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HARRIS TOWNSHIP SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

I. PURPOSE

- A.** This social media policy allows for Harris Township (hereafter then "Township") to limit comment that would tend to disparage, discriminate, or contain content that is offensive against other persons also viewing the social media page. This policy will give the town or its employees the power to remove all comments which are disrespectful, disparaging, discriminatory, or offensive content issues.
- B.** The Harris Town Board welcomes constructive criticism, as long as it is done in a respectful manner.

II. SCOPE

- A.** This Policy does not not apply to personal or professional social media pages owned by a Township Officer or an employee of the township.
- B.** This policy specifically applies to the following social media account:
 - 1. Harris Township Facebook page;

III. POLICY

- A.** The townships social media page is the property of the township.
- B.** The township reserves the right to remove the social media page at any time for any reason.
- C.** The town designates Supervisor Clayton to be the social media administrator.

The social media administrator will monitor and manage the township social media account, which includes posting photographs, notices, or articles, as well as delete any comments that violate this policy.
- D.** The township has the discretion to remove the following comments at any time:
 - 1. Profane, obscene , violence, pornographic, or sexual content;
 - 2. Threats to any person or organization;

3. Content that defames any person or organization;
4. Content that promotes or perpetuates discrimination of legally protected class;
5. Commercial solicitations;
6. Advertisements, contest, or giveaways;
7. Details regarding ongoing investigations, legal, or administrative proceeding that could prejudice the process;
8. Trademarked images for graphics;
9. Content that suggests or encourages illegal activity;
10. Content in support or opposition of a political campaign.

Adopted this 21 January day of 2021.

Attested by: Roxanne Christie
Roxanne Christie, Clerk

Signed by: Peggy Clayton
Peggy Clayton, Chair