

CITY OF ELK RIVER

WEBSITE POLICIES

PRIVACY POLICY

The protection of individual privacy is a concern to the City of Elk River, and is governed by Minnesota Statutes Chapter 13, (Government Data Practices Act). The City has created this privacy statement in order to demonstrate its firm commitment to privacy.

Information you provide to us

The City of Elk River does not keep any personal information about you or your visit to our Internet site unless you have specifically supplied it to us. For instance, you may have supplied us with information as part of a request for information or for purposes of registering or obtaining a license or permit online. Similarly you may have sent us an email or left us a message in some other electronic format. In cases where you have supplied us with information, including financial data, we will treat such information in accordance with the requirements of the Government Data Practices Act. This means that it will be treated in the same way as written forms of communication, and in many instances it will be considered public information available to the public upon request. To the extent allowed by law, the city will make reasonable attempts to protect personal financial information from disclosure.

Other information about your visit to our site

Like most Internet sites, our website reads some information from your computer that helps us analyze traffic patterns, perform routine maintenance, maintain site security, and to help you navigate through our site. Generally the information we collect is temporary and when you leave the site this information is deleted from our system. The City leaves open the right to collect and maintain the following:

- total number of visitors to our site
- types of computer systems used to access our site
- web browser type and version
- date and time of access
- the website you visited prior to coming to this website
- information about possible system security threats

Occasionally the City may have a survey on the website that only allows a visitor to vote only once. In order to keep track of whether you have voted, a cookie (a simple text file) will be created and stored on your computer. This cookie is created on your computer by voting on the survey. It will not contain personally identifying information and will not compromise your privacy and security. This cookie will remain on your computer for the duration of the survey. The cookie has an expiration date. When that date occurs it will be deleted from your computer.

This privacy policy does not apply to websites operated by third parties that you may have access to through a link from our website.

DISCLAIMERS/LIMITATIONS OF LIABILITY

The information and services included in or available through the City of Elk River's website may include inaccuracies or typographical errors. Changes are periodically added to the information herein.

The City of Elk River does not represent or warrant that the website will be uninterrupted or error-free, that defects will be corrected, or that the website or the server that makes it available, are free of viruses or other harmful components.

The City of Elk River makes no representations about the suitability, reliability, availability, timeliness, or accuracy of the website for any purpose. The website and information contained herein are provided "as is" without warranty of any kind. The City of Elk River hereby disclaims all warranties and conditions with regard to the service, including all implied warranties and conditions of merchantability of fitness for a particular purpose, title and non-infringement.

LINKS POLICY

The purpose of the City of Elk River's website is to provide information about city government, services, and attractions. The City's website may provide links to websites outside the City's website that also serve this purpose. The City is not responsible for and does not endorse the information on any linked website unless the City's website states otherwise. The following criteria will be used to decide whether to grant requests for City website links. If a particular request does not fit any of the following criteria, the City Council will decide whether to approve the request. The City Council will approve the requested website link if it serves the general purpose of the City's website.

The City's website will provide links to websites for:

- Governmental and educational institutions
- Organizations with some relationship to the City (including but not limited to: organizations contracting with the City, organizations sponsoring City activities or programs, and organizations participating in City activities or programs)
- Generally recognized community organizations
- Organizations providing information about art, cultural, and sporting activities in the City's area
- Organizations providing information about tourist attractions in the City's area.

The City's website will not provide links to websites for:

- Candidates for local, state, or federal offices
- Political organizations or other organizations advocating a position on a local, state, or federal issue

- Corporate or other for-profit organizations unless they fit any of the criteria stated above
- Individual or personal home pages.

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GENERAL

The laws of the State of Minnesota and the United States of America govern this agreement. If any part of this agreement is determined to be invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of the agreement shall continue in effect.

