

County of Summit Executive's Office
Social Media Terms of Use

By engaging with the County of Summit on social media, users agree to the following Terms of Use.

1. Purpose: The purpose of this digital space is to facilitate moderated discussions led by the Executive's Office, on limited topics of its choosing, and is not intended to be an open forum. By engaging with this page, you are on notice that your comments may be subject to moderation and public disclosure in accordance with these rules.
2. Only the Executive's Office or its designees shall be permitted to post directly to this page. The opinions expressed by third-party posters to the page(s) do not reflect the opinions of the Executive's Office; users are reminded that if a third-party posts a comment which the user finds objectionable, the user may hide such posts, block the third-party poster, or report the post to the social media platform.
3. Contents posted on Executive's Office social media sites may be considered public records subject to disclosure under the Ohio Sunshine Law, and any other applicable law.
4. Statements or posts which the Executive's Office believes to be violations of the social media platform's (e.g. Facebook, Twitter/X, etc.) terms of use, may be reported to the social media platform and may be removed at the discretion of the social media platform.
5. Statements or posts which the Executive's Office believes to be violations of these Terms of Use may be removed or hidden at the discretion of the Executive's Office according to this Policy.
6. Any moderation by the Executive's Office must be consistently applied and conform with the Terms of Use provision.
7. The following forms of content posted by external and authorized users may be reported to the social media platform and are subject to removal or may be hidden if they contain:
 - a. Content that is in violation of the social media platform's terms of service.
 - b. Content that constitutes obscenity.
 - c. Content intended to defame any person, group, or organization.
 - d. True threats, incitement or statements that constitute or encourage imminent illegal activity.
A true threat is a statement meant to frighten or intimidate one or more specified persons into believing that they will be seriously harmed by the speaker or someone acting at the speaker's behest.
 - e. Content that compromises the safety or security of the Executive's Office, a public employee, another government entity, or the public,
 - f. Information that violates a third-party's privacy interest, such as the dissemination of Sensitive Personal Identifiable Information (i.e. Social Security numbers, driver's licenses, mailing addresses, credit card information, financial information, or medical records).
 - g. Promote, foster, or perpetuate discrimination on the basis of race, color, age, religion, national origin, ancestry, veteran status, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, marital status, pregnancy, citizenship or other protected class, status, or characteristics.
 - h. Information that may tend to compromise the safety or security of the public or public systems. This includes defamatory statements or misinformation which could endanger the public health. This does not include political hyperbole or exaggeration.
 - i. Content that violates a legal ownership interest of any other party, such as trademark or copyright infringement.
 - j. Making or publishing of false, vicious or malicious statements concerning any employee of the County of Summit.

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8. Users understand that the platforms' terms of use may limit speech beyond this policy and the platforms may remove otherwise permitted content if it violates the social media platforms' terms of use/service.
9. The policy does not apply to communication protected by the U.S. or Ohio Constitutions.