

City of Marion Social Media Comments Policy

The purpose of the City of Marion's social media presence is to provide accurate information from and about the City to the public in a civil and unbiased manner, and to respond to questions related to such information. It is not an editorial page or blog for visitors to express personal opinions regarding such information.

The City of Marion's website at <http://www.cityofmarion.org/> is the City's primary Internet presence.

The City reserves the right to remove any content posted on its social media site that violates the social media policy or any applicable local, state or federal law. Content removed pursuant to these guidelines, including time, date and identity of the poster, must be retained to comply with Iowa's public records law.

The City of Marion's social media presence, including comments made by the public, is subject to Iowa's public records law. Therefore, content on the City's social media site is a public record and is subject to public disclosure. Such content will be maintained pursuant to City policy so it may be produced in response to a record request under the applicable public records laws.

Comments posted by the public on the City of Marion's social media site express the opinions of the commentators or posters. Such comments do not necessarily reflect the opinions or policies of the City, and the publication of such comments does not imply endorsement or agreement by the City.

The City of Marion is not responsible for and has no control over the subject matter, content, information or graphics when viewing links attached to its social media sites.

Comments containing any of the following inappropriate forms of content will not be allowed on the City of Marion's social media site and are subject to removal by the communications coordinator or designee:

1. Comments not related to the original topic;
2. Content that promotes, fosters or perpetuates discrimination or hostility on the basis of race, creed, color, sex, national origin, religion, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status or mental or physical disability;
3. Defamatory or personal attacks;
4. Threats to any person or organization;
5. Comments in support of, or in opposition to, any political campaigns or ballot measures;
6. Solicitation of commerce, including but not limited to advertising of any business or product for sale;
7. Conduct in violation of any federal, state or local law;
8. Encouragement of illegal activity;
9. Information that may tend to compromise the safety or security of the public or public systems; or
10. Content that violates a legal ownership interest, such as a copyright.

Comments that are threatening in nature will be forwarded as appropriate to law enforcement.

The City of Marion reserves the right to deny access to its social media site for any individual who violates the City of Marion's Comments Policy, at any time and without prior notice. The City reserves the right to restrict or remove any content that is deemed in violation of this Comments Policy or any applicable local, state or federal law.