

County of Ingham - Website Link Policy

I. **Purpose:**

The County of Ingham web sites are designed to provide access to government departments, services and programs. From time to time, departments may wish to provide links to other sites that provide state or federal government information or additional information about the community, including festivals, cultural events, and local news.

II. **External Links On County Web Sites:**

The County of Ingham permits the establishment of links to external websites on the counties' web sites solely in conformance with this policy. **These links are only placed on County web sites after approval of the department head or his/her designee.**

In order to avoid the appearance of County endorsement of political content, links shall not be made to sites that are associated with, sponsored by or serving a campaign for elected office, any political party or organization supporting or seeking to defeat any candidate for elective office or ballot proposal.

To avoid any perceptions that the County endorses or provides favorable treatment to any private person or business enterprise, no corporate or commercial logos or direct links to vendor sites are allowed.

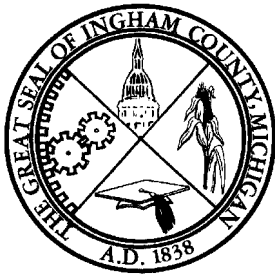
Links may be made to web sites that meet the following criteria:

1. Maintained by a non-profit charitable, educational, hospital, scientific or cultural organization serving Ingham County;
2. Maintained by a state, local or federal governmental agency, or local school or library board;
3. Maintained by an organization that receives direct financial support from the County;
4. Provides a unique online tool to assist in accessing information on the site or in communicating with each other, i.e., Yahoo!

Note: Some of the links made available to you through the County's web sites will allow you to leave the County's sites. Please be aware that the Internet sites available through these links, and the materials that you may find there, are not under the control of the County. Therefore, the County cannot and does not make any representation to you about these sites or the materials available there.

5. **Individuals and Organizations Linking To The County's Websites Criteria:**

The County web sites are provided as an information source for public use. Ingham County strives to maintain the integrity of this site and to present information which is accurate and



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timely. The information is subject to periodic updates, revisions, deletions and additions without prior notice. Material provided at this site is gathered from many sources. Ingham county is not responsible for errors or omissions contained in the information, and makes no representations as to accuracy of the information.

Links may be made to the County web sites, but we ask YOU to follow the following criteria:
YOU:

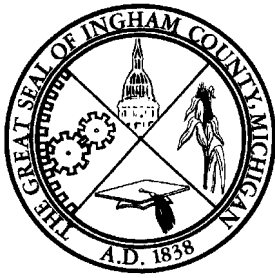
- (1) Will not create frames around the County's Web sites or use other techniques that alter the visual presentation of the County's Web sites;
- (2) Should not imply that the County is endorsing you, your products or services;
- (3) Should not imply an affiliation between your company and the County without the prior written consent of the County;
- (4) Should not misrepresent your relationship with the County or present false or misleading impressions about County services;
- (5) Should not contain materials that may be interpreted as distasteful or offensive and must be appropriate for all age groups; and
- (6) Shall use a text hyperlink or the Licensed Mark only and shall not use any official County seal, logo, icon or other image.

The County shall have no responsibility or liability for any content appearing on your Web site.

The County may amend these Linking Conditions at any time. You agree to abide by these Linking Conditions and other legal terms and conditions on the Web site(s), as amended from time to time. All terms and conditions related to the use of official County Web sites will be construed according to the laws of the State of Michigan, United States of America, without regard to its conflict of law provisions.

IV. **Information Accuracy Disclaimer:**

The materials and information contained on or obtained from the County web sites, are distributed and transmitted "as is" without warranties of any kind, either express or implied, including without limitation, warranties of title or implied warranties of merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose. Information contained on these web sites, including information obtained from external links thereon, is provided without any representation of any kind as to accuracy and should be verified by the user. The County of Ingham is not responsible for any special, indirect, incidental or consequential damages that may arise from the use of, or the inability to use, the web sites and/or the materials contained on the sites whether the materials contained on the web sites are provided



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by the County of Ingham, or a third party.

V. **Endorsement Disclaimer:**

The County of Ingham does not endorse any content, viewpoint, products or services linked from its Web sites and shall not be held responsible or liable for any injury or losses caused by reliance on the accuracy, reliability or timeliness of such information. The County does not warrant the accuracy or reliability of or endorse any products or service providers listed or linked to its sites. The County is providing these links only as a convenience to you.

VI. **Privacy Policy:**

The County of Ingham will not sell, distribute or otherwise provide to third parties any information of a personal nature which is obtained as a result of any person subscribing to or visiting the County's web sites, except where a public record is generated during the contact which is otherwise discoverable under Michigan Freedom of Information Act, or disclosure is required by any other Federal or State laws or pursuant to an order from any Federal or State court or Grand Jury.