

Ordinance # 16, 2016  
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2,  
ARTICLE 8, SECTION 2-198  
BY THE INCLUSION OF SECTION 2-198  
ENTITLED REGULATION OF PUBLIC USE OF  
CITY SOCIAL MEDIA SITES

**WHEREAS**, it is important that the City inform citizens as to what is occurring and may use social media to do so; and

**WHEREAS**, Facebook and other social media assist the City in disseminating information; and

**WHEREAS**, Visitors to the City's social media sites may post or write comments,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED** that the Common Council desires to establish a policy concerning the public's use of the City's social media sites, as follows:

1. Comments or post made by the public to any social media page under the control of the City of Attica will be monitored and while they will not be removed based on their opinion or viewpoint, the City reserves the right to remove comments that include:
  - a. Comments unrelated to the purpose and topical scope of the page;
  - b. Obscenities;
  - c. Personal identifying information or sensitive personal information;
  - d. Incitement to imminent lawless action;
  - e. Speech presenting a grave and imminent threat;
  - f. Fighting words;
  - g. True threats;
  - h. Fraud;
  - i. Defamation (libel/slander)
  - j. Solicitations to commit, or speech integral to, criminal conduct;
  - k. Information that could reasonably compromise public safety;
  - l. Advertisement in favor of, or in opposition to, a political campaign or candidate;
  - m. Apparent spam;
  - n. Content posted by automatic software programs (i.e. "bots");
  - o. Information which may interfere or compromise current investigations, police tactics and the safety of police staff and officers;
  - p. Copyrighted material (if posted without the copyright holder's consent).
2. The City may take steps to remove a comment if it falls within one of the foregoing categories. If a social media user's comment is removed, the moderator will notify the user by social media messenger that the comment was removed and the reason for its removal. Participation on the City's social media

is at the user's own risk, and recognize that by posting on this page the user is personally responsible for any comments and any information provided.

3. The City disclaims liability for advertisements, videos, promoted content, or comments posted by users or visitors to the City's social page. The responsibility for external content of comments rest solely with the organization or individuals providing them. Any inclusion or exclusion of content or comments does not imply endorsement or opposition by the City of Attica or any of its employees or officers.

Adopted by the Common Council for the City of Attica, Indiana, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 201\_\_\_\_, by a vote of \_\_\_\_\_ for and \_\_\_\_\_ against.

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Sponsoring Council Member

ATTEST:

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Susan Stull, Clerk-Treasurer

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Duane Roderick, Mayor

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