



## WARREN TOWNSHIP EXTERNAL SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

The Township of Warren maintains the following social media platforms in order to reach and inform residents of Township activities, news and events.

- Facebook, “Warren Township, New Jersey”
- Instagram, “warrentownshipnj”
- Twitter, “warrentwpnj”

Posted comments and images do not necessarily represent the views of the Township of Warren (the “Township”). External, non-Township links on this site do not constitute official endorsement on behalf of the Township. The Township encourages individuals to share thoughts and opinions on the Township’s Facebook, Twitter and Instagram Pages, we expect that this will be done in a respectful manner.

The Township does not agree with or endorse every comment that individuals post on our pages. Our goal is to reach and inform as many individuals as possible. The Township shares notices about municipal government and its activities via social media to reach a broader audience and so that interested citizens can share our information. The Township encourages you to submit your comments, questions or concerns, but please note that this is a moderated online discussion site and not a public forum. If you have a question or comment contact a Township Department directly via phone or email as comments will not be responded to on social media platforms. If you have a complaint please address complaints to [complaints@warrennj.org](mailto:complaints@warrennj.org) or contact the applicable department.

We recognize that the internet and social media are available 24/7 but will not be monitored 24/7. If there is an emergency, contact 911. Comments are welcome at any time. Posting on Township Social media pages is not an official notification pursuant to Tort Claim Law. Township Departments must be directly contacted to give details on an issue. For example pothole and guard rail.

The Township’s contractual obligations with our social media platforms require it to enforce their policies with regard to posted comments. The guidelines below are, in part, the Township’s effort to comply with those obligations. **Remember that your comments may be read by persons of any age, and are subject to New Jersey Open Public Records Laws.**

Per the Public Information Plan, Section VII, F the following guidelines are in place. If your post violates these guidelines, it will be removed. The Township Administrator or designee have the right to delete posts.

The Township reserves the right to delete submissions that contain:

- Obscene, defamatory, racist, anti sematic or,
- Content that promotes, fosters or perpetuates discrimination based upon race, creed, color, age, religion, gender, national origin, marital sex, sexual orientation, physical or mental disability.

Further, the Township also reserves the right to delete submissions that:

- Are spam or include links to other sites;
- Comments unrelated to the particular post being commented upon;
- Include identical or repeated comments;
- Contain sexual content or links to sexual content;
- Advocate illegal activity;
- Content that incites violence;
- Promote particular services, products, or organizations;
- Infringe on copyrights or trademarks;
- Have photographs or videos;
- Have the potential to compromise the safety or security of the public or public systems;
- Are made by persons identifiably under the age of 13; Comments from children under 13 cannot be posted in order to comply with the Children’s Online Privacy Protection Act. By posting on a Warren media site, users acknowledge that they are at least 13 years old;
- Contain personally identifiable medical information; or
- Contain personally identifiable information (PII) such as email addresses, social security numbers, phone numbers or any other information for which a person has a reasonable expectation of privacy.

Users who violate this policy may be banned from future commenting or blocked from the social site where the violation occurred. Again, please be advised that the comments expressed on any Township social media site do not reflect the opinions and position of the Township government or any of its officers and employees.

The Township of Warren may change the Social Media Policy at any time without notice.

This Policy supplements the Public Information Plan adopted by the Township Committee on October 15, 2020 by Resolution 2020-237 and as amended.