

## **City of Carbondale Social Media Terms of Use**

**Effective Date: 09/17/2025** – Prior versions retained for KORA

Welcome to the official social media pages of the City of Carbondale. These pages are maintained by the City, under the direction of the Governing Body, to share information about municipal services, public safety, events, and other official City communications. By accessing or using our social media pages, you agree to these Terms of Use.

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### **1. Purpose of Social Media Pages**

The City of Carbondale's social media pages are official government communication channels. They are intended to provide information, updates, and announcements to the public. These pages are not public forums.

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### **2. Government Speech**

Content posted on the City's social media pages is considered government speech. Under the government speech doctrine, the City has the legal right to control the content, including disabling comments or other interactive features, without violating the First Amendment. Comments are disabled to:

- Ensure communications remain accurate and consistent
  - Maintain focus on official City information
  - Prevent misuse or inappropriate content
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### **3. Comment Policy**

Comments are not allowed on any City social media posts. These pages are maintained solely for official government communication. Users are encouraged to contact the City directly for questions, concerns, or feedback:

- **City Hall:** 785-836-7108
- **Police (Admin):** 785-836-7377
- **Court:** 785-836-8080
- **Online:** [www.carbondaleks.com/contact-us](http://www.carbondaleks.com/contact-us)

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#### **4. Public Records**

All content posted on City social media pages is considered a public record under the Kansas Open Records Act (K.S.A. 45-215 et seq.). Content must be retained according to City record retention policies and is subject to disclosure upon request. To request public records:

- Contact the City Clerk: [cityclerk@carbondaleks.com](mailto:cityclerk@carbondaleks.com) or 785-836-7108

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#### **5. Limitations**

- The City of Carbondale is not responsible for content posted by third parties outside of official channels
- Social media pages are informational only and are not a substitute for official City records, notifications, or emergency alerts

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#### **6. Updates to Terms of Use**

The City may update these Terms of Use at any time without prior notice. Users are encouraged to review this page periodically for changes.

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