

Terms and Conditions and Privacy Policy

Purpose of the Website

It is the purpose of the official City of Lewes website, ci.lewes.de.us, to provide accurate, non-editorial content and information about the functions, services, activities, issues, operations and projects of the City of Lewes municipal government. When/where appropriate, the website will be used to facilitate the delivery of direct services provided by the City of Lewes municipal government to its citizens and visitors. All City of Lewes municipal government offices, departments, agencies, governing bodies, boards, and commissions (aka all eligible users) are able to submit content or request the posting or hypertext linking to appropriate information to support their mission or service initiatives. Unless sponsored by an eligible user (as designated above), other individuals or groups are not eligible. All Internet posting requests must come from an eligible user. The City Manager's Office is the public point of contact for all concerns regarding the City's web presence. Comments about this site are welcome from any source and are always greatly appreciated.

The information provided via the City of Lewes website is considered public and may be downloaded, printed, or distributed freely by and amongst the general public. (PLEASE NOTE: website/page design, HTML coding, interactive web applications, scripts, and/or custom website graphics and certain photographs are NOT public domain and require expressed permission from the author/creator for use and/or implementation on any website that is not maintained by the City of Lewes.)

Privacy & Security of Personal Information

The City of Lewes utilizes information systems to provide its citizens with numerous services. As reliance the information created with these systems increases, so does the City's responsibility to protect the confidentiality, integrity and availability of its computing infrastructure and the data associated with it. The safety and privacy of citizens within the City of Lewes and City employees is impacted by the City's ability to maintain information security and privacy. City management recognizes and accepts the importance of information security and privacy as a critical element of the successful operation of the City of Lewes.

IP Addresses and Cookies

The City of Lewes uses IP addresses (random numbers assigned to individual computers) to help diagnose problems with our servers, administer our website, and anonymously track content preferences and traffic patterns. We also use cookies (small text files transferred from our website to your hard drive) to recognize repeat users, track usage behavior, and facilitate your access to and use of our site. Cookies do not damage files or allow anyone access to your personally identifiable information – they simply allow us to tailor information and advertisements to make your visits more enjoyable and meaningful (and enable us to provide you with personalized information, if you choose). They also provide information to us about site usage to help us improve and update our site.

External Links

The security of the information you provide to the City of Lewes is important to us. However, the City of Lewes website includes links to other sites, and when you choose to visit those sites, we are not responsible for the privacy policies or how user information is utilized. In addition, we may permit third parties to offer registration-based services through our site. We are not responsible for the actions and policies of these third parties, and encourage individuals to review the privacy policies of these parties when supplying personally identifiable information to them.

Links To and From the City of Lewes Website

External links may be made to websites that meet the following criteria, as determined by the City Manager's Office:

- Sites that are owned and managed by a state, local or federal governmental agency or local school board.
- Sites that are maintained by an organization that receives direct financial support from the City.
- Sites that have a direct contractual relationship with the City for the provision of goods and/or services.
- Sites that provide a unique online resource that will assist in the provision of services and/or information that compliment the purpose of the City's web presence as outlined above.

External links will not be made to sites that fall within any of the following criteria, as determined by the City Manager's Office:

- Sites that are owned or managed by a political party, candidate or special interest group or are of a political nature that are associated with, sponsored by or serving a candidate for elected office, any political party or organization supporting or seeking to defeat any candidate for elective office or ballot proposal.
- Sites that are owned, managed or provide content for commercial, non-profit, religious, community, civic or other organizations that do not have a direct contractual relationship with the City for the provision of goods and/or services.
- Sites containing any materials that may reasonably be considered scurrilous or offensive. Offensive materials are defined as sexual content or images, slurs against race, religious or political beliefs, age, gender, sexual orientation, national origin or physical attributes.

Links may be made to the City of Lewes website with the express written (email) permission of the City Manager's Office.

Statistics

The City of Lewes makes available for your use on this website information and documents subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this document (the "Terms of Use"). By accessing this website, you agree to the Terms of Use. The City of Lewes reserves the right to change the Terms of Use at its sole discretion. Your use of the website will be subject to the most current version of the Terms of Use posted on the website at the time of such use. In addition, when using particular Services or Materials on this website, you are subject to any posted guidelines or rules applicable to such Services or Materials that contain terms and conditions in addition to those in the Terms of Use. All such guidelines or rules are hereby incorporated by reference into the Terms of Use. You may use this website only if you agree to these terms:

- You agree that you will not violate (or attempt to violate) the security of this website by hacking, sending viruses, or any other similar malicious or careless conduct.
- You agree that you will not utilize the communication methods found within the website for the communication of any material that may reasonably be considered scurrilous or offensive. Offensive materials are defined as sexual content or images, slurs against race, religious or political beliefs, age, gender, sexual orientation, national origin or physical attributes.
- You agree not to upload (or attempt to upload) content of any type to this website.
- You acknowledge that you have no right to the intellectual property associated with this website and that you have only limited right to use this website.
- You acknowledge that the City does not warrant the accuracy or availability of this website.
- You acknowledge that the City is not responsible for any loss, damage, or injury that you may have as a result of your use of this website.

- You agree to be bound by the laws applicable in the City of Lewes with respect to your use of the website and you agree that any court proceedings relating to your use of the website will take place in the judicial district of the City of Lewes.
- You agree to grant the City all intellectual property rights in the content of any email that you send to the City.

If you DO NOT agree to ALL of these terms, please log off this website immediately.