

## Acceptable Use Rules – Web Agenda Comments

*The Board of Supervisors invite you to express your opinions by adding comments to specific agenda items during the public commenting period.\*  
Please follow these guidelines to ensure a welcoming environment for all.*

- 1. Respect one another.** Please refrain from posting offensive, obscene, threatening or abusive comments. If you personally attack others, your comment(s) may be removed from the discussion. You are fully responsible for libelous or defamatory comments.
- 2. Hate-speech will not be tolerated.** Comments containing racism, homophobia, sexism, or any other form of hate-speech have no place on our site and will be deleted.
- 3. Keep your language in check.** Our filters are fairly tolerant, allowing for a bit of colorful/questionable language, but if a post is too vulgar, the comment may be deleted or the offensive language redacted.
- 4. Stay on topic.** Comments should be related to the topic discussed in the specific agenda item.
- 5. Don't impersonate someone else.** You may not use a false e-mail address, impersonate any person or entity, or otherwise mislead as to the origin of your comments. If we believe you've impersonated someone else, we reserve the right to remove the comment.
- 6. Electioneering and commercial content will be removed.** We do not welcome comments for commercial purposes, soliciting funds or promoting county candidates for office. If we see them, we reserve the right to remove them.
- 7. Personal information.** Do not post personal information about others, such as Social Security numbers, home addresses, etc.
- 8. Blank comments.** Mistakes happen. Comments containing no text may be deleted. We will not remove comments because a reader or writer regrets a post. Please remember that these comments are searchable, and a comment history has a long life on the web.
- 9. Repeated/duplicative comments.** Duplicated comments posted by the same user on the same agenda item may be removed.
- \*10. Comment Period:** Web agenda comments may be added to individual items as soon as the agenda is published (usually Thursday prior to a Tuesday BOS meeting) and through the end of the meeting. The “Add Comment” feature is always on; however, comments received after adjournment will not be addressed and may be deleted by the clerk.