

PRIVACY POLICY

Thank you for visiting the City of Hays website and reviewing our privacy policy. We will collect no personal information about you when you visit our website unless you choose to provide that information to us.

Here is how we handle information about your visit to our website:

Information Collected and Stored Automatically

If all you do during your visit is browse through the website, read pages, or download information, we will gather and store certain information about your visit automatically. This information does not identify you personally. Only the following information is automatically collected and stored about your visit:

- The Internet domain (for example, "thiscompany.com" if you use a private Internet access account, or "thatschool.edu" if you connect from a university's domain) and IP address (an IP address is a number that is automatically assigned to your computer whenever you are surfing the Web) from which you access our website;
- The type of browser and operating system used to access our site;
- The date and time you access our site;
- The pages you visit; and
- If you linked to our website from another website, the address of that website.

We use this information to help us make the site more useful to visitors as part of our statistical analysis on use of our website and how to better design services and facilitate access to them and to learn about the number of visitors to our site and the types of technology our visitors use. We do not track or record information about individuals and their visits. No marketing databases are created nor is any commercial use made of any such data. This site does not contact you without your explicit permission. This site does not share your personally identifiable information with third parties.

If You Send Us Personal Information

If you choose to provide us with personal information -- by filling out a form with your personal information and submitting it to us through the website -- we use that information to respond to your message and to help us get you the information you have requested. We only share the information you give us with another government agency if your inquiry relates to that agency, or as otherwise required by law. The City of Hays does not collect information for commercial marketing.

Privacy Notice

The City of Hays's policy is to respect and protect the privacy of our citizens and business partners. The City of Hays will not disclose your personal information to third parties without your consent. The City of Hays may disclose such information in special cases when we have

reason to believe that disclosing this information is necessary to identify, contact or bring legal action against someone who may be causing injury to or interference with (either intentionally or unintentionally) the City of Hays's rights or property, other citizens or business partners, or anyone else that could be harmed by such activities. The City of Hays may disclose user information when we believe in good faith that the law requires it.

The following policy statements outline how individual information will be handled by the City of Hays while using our services. The compilation (meaning the collection, arrangement and assembly) of all contacts on this site is the exclusive property of the City of Hays. This policy is subject to change; therefore, it is recommended that individuals refer back to this statement periodically.

Applicable Law

The City of Hays hereby certifies strict adherence to the Kansas Open Records Act (KSA 45-215 through 45-223). As such, this site is controlled by the City of Hays in the State of Kansas, USA. Therefore, the laws of the State of Kansas will govern these disclaimers, terms and conditions, without presenting any conflicts of law. The City of Hays reserves the right to make changes to this site, the disclaimers, and the terms and conditions at any time.

How We Protect Your Personal Information

Personal data you enter on haysusa.com such as a password is encrypted with secure server software (SSL) that encodes the information before your Web browser software sends it to us. The SSL software decodes the data only after it reaches our server, meaning hackers can't snatch any of your personal information while it is in transit. Once the data reaches our site, the same security software we use to guard all of the City of Hays's essential business data protects your personal data as well.

In addition to using the most secure technology available, we work tirelessly to make sure that we use any information you provide us only in ways you have approved. We send you only the e-mail you have approved.

How We Use "Cookies"

To better serve you, we occasionally use "cookies" to customize your browsing experience. Cookies are simple text files stored by your web browser and they provide a method of distinguishing among visitors to the web sites. Cookies created on your computer by using our web sites do not contain personally identifiable information and do not compromise your privacy or security. We use the cookie feature to store a randomly generated identifying tag on your computer. You can refuse the cookie or delete the cookie file from your computer at any time by using any one of a number of widely available methods. Your choice to refuse the cookie will not inhibit your access to any of the information available on the City web site (with the exception of those applications that require a cookie for functionality). Applications that require a cookie will be noted as such. Your acceptance of the cookie will serve to provide you with additional functionality in choosing the information you wish to view on a regular basis.

Passwords

In certain instances, you will have the opportunity to receive or create a password to access or submit personal information. You should not divulge your password to anyone and the City of Hays will never ask you for your password in an unsolicited phone call or e-mail. When you are finished with those applications that are password-protected, you should exit the page.

Site Security

For site security purposes and to ensure that this service remains available to all users, this government computer system employs commercial software programs to monitor network traffic to identify unauthorized attempts to upload or change information, or otherwise cause damage. Except for authorized law enforcement investigations, no other attempts are made to identify individual users or their usage habits. Raw data logs are used for no other purposes and are scheduled for regular destruction in accordance with State guidelines for records management and retention. This site is provided by the City of Hays, but is hosted by a commercial Internet Service Provider (ISP) who may also have its own monitoring tools for the same purposes. The City of Hays is not responsible for the privacy policy of the ISP.

Unauthorized attempts to upload information or change information on this service are strictly prohibited and may be punishable under the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act of 1986 and the National Information Infrastructure Protection Act.

Links to Other Web Sites

The website has links to other governmental agencies. In some cases we link to private organizations. Once you follow a link to another site, you are subject to the privacy policy of the new site.

Obtaining Your Consent

By using our Web site, you give the City of Hays permission to collect information about the pages served to you as an anonymous user for the purpose of calculating aggregate site statistics. If you register at haysusa.com, you authorize City of Hays to use information you provide to personalize the information we deliver to you and to use your demographic information when calculating aggregate customer data. As a registered member, you give City of Hays and its agents permission to send you e-mails related to the subscription e-mail services to which you subscribe.

If you are under the age of 18, you must not provide your name, e-mail address, or any other identifying information without the consent of your parent or guardian, or as otherwise provided for by applicable law.

Any changes to our privacy policy will be posted on this page so that you are always aware of what information we collect, how we use it, and under what circumstances we disclose it.

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