Privacy Policy

About this Policy
This privacy policy describes the types of personal and non-personal information Galveston County may collect through this website, or any affiliated online interface. We provide this policy to describe how we use and disclose such information. By using this website, you agree to the collection, use, and disclosure of your information as outlined in this policy. You also agree to receive notifications of updates to this privacy via amendments posted on the Galveston County website. If you do not agree to the terms of this privacy policy, you may not access or use this website.

Information Collected & Use of Information
Your privacy is important to us. We have implemented physical, technical, and administrative security measures to safeguard the personal information that we maintain. Galveston County may store personal information in a database maintained by and for the County using personal information you provide, including your name, address, email address, phone number, and billing address. This data will be used for administrative purposes, to process payment for goods and services you purchase from the County, and may be used to contact you.

We may collect and store anonymous information when you visit our site, such as your browser and IP address. This is collected and stored in aggregate, and does not identify you. This data may be used to analyze trends, provide a better user experience with our website, and to gather broad demographic information.

This site is not intended for minors. Galveston County will never knowingly collect information from minors or create profiles of minors through this website. If we obtain verified knowledge that we have collected personal information about a minor under the age of 13, that information will be deleted from our database immediately.

Cookies
Galveston County and/or its third party service providers may use cookies (alphanumeric identifiers that are transferred to your computer’s drives through your browser) to identify users and to collect user information. You may be able to prevent cookies from being used by turning off the cookie feature in your web browser.

 Authorized Third Parties
Galveston County may work with third party service providers to monitor site traffic and statistics, and in some cases, to process payment on behalf of Galveston County. These third party sites may use cookies and/or other monitoring technologies. This privacy policy is limited to Galveston County’s website. Any time you visit a third party site linked from Galveston County, you are subject to that site’s terms of use and privacy policy. You are encouraged to review all terms of use before using any third party sites.
Links to third party sites are provided for the convenience of visitors to our site. A link does not constitute an endorsement of the content, accuracy, viewpoint, opinions, policies, products, services, or accessibility of that site.

**Disclosure of Information**
Galveston County will not sell, rent, or otherwise disclose your personal information to third parties except as provided in this privacy policy, or as otherwise expressly authorized or directed by you. We may share anonymous aggregate information with third parties for any purpose, but will only share your personal information with authorized third parties in the following instances:

- To process payments made by you using Galveston County’s website;
- To perform business, professional, or technical support functions for you or for Galveston County;
- As needed to local, state, or federal law enforcement authorities, to enforce the County’s rights against unauthorized access or attempted unauthorized access to the County’s information;
- As needed to respond to judicial process and to provide information to local, state, or federal law enforcement agencies in connection with an investigation into matters related to public safety, as permitted by or otherwise required by law.

Any information collected, assembled, or maintained in connection with the transaction of official business by a governmental body is public information, subject the Public Information Act as outlined in Chapter 552 of the Texas Government Code.

**Security**
Galveston County limits employee access to personal information to only those employees who need access to perform specific jobs, including the processing of payments, the application of payments, and administrative or technical assistance.

The County employs security measures in the design and implantation of this site as part of our commitment to securing your information. This policy should not be construed in any way to warrant as fail proof the security of information provided via the website. Users of the site do so at their own risk with respect to such communications.

**Updates to Privacy Policy**
Galveston County may amend this privacy policy at any time, at our sole discretion. Use of information collected is subject to the privacy policy that is in effect at the time such information is collected. Any changes in the way we use personal information will be displayed as an amendment to the existing privacy policy on the website, and you consent to notice of changes.
through such posting. Modifications and amendments are effective on the day they are posted. You are encouraged to frequently review this privacy policy for any modifications or updates.