

Dinwiddie Circuit Court's Privacy Policy

The following statement explains the Internet Privacy Policy adopted by the Circuit Court for the County of Dinwiddie for its Web site (web pages at addresses beginning with <http://www.dinwiddieva.us>, and <https://risweb.courts.state.va.us/>). The following is intended to explain our current Internet privacy protection practices. The information presented here is not meant to be a contract of any type; either expressed or implied, and should not be treated as such by site visitors. We reserve the right to amend our Internet Privacy Policy and Internet Privacy Policy Statement at any time, without prior notice to any visitor.

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Governing Law

Virginia statutes, including, but not limited to, the Virginia Privacy Protection Act of 1976 and the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, govern our maintenance of public records and access to personally identifiable information in public records. Other sections of the Virginia Code, as well as certain federal statutes, address confidentiality issues.

Collection of Information

When a visitor accesses our Web site, the Internet Protocol (IP) address of the visitor's computer is collected. This computer address does not contain any personally identifiable information about the visitor. Moreover, no personally identifiable information is collected about visitors who simply browse this site or who download information from it. No other information is collected through our website unless the visitor deliberately chooses to provide it. For example, if a visitor participates in a survey or clicks on a link to send an email, the visitor's e-mail address, the contents of the e-mail and information volunteered in response to the survey will be collected. A visitor might choose to supply additional information, including his / her name or any data necessary to complete and submit an online form or request for services. Visitors who request services available through this site may be asked to furnish additional information which may be required by law or which is necessary to provide the service requested. The additional information collected will be no more specific than if the visitor were requesting the service by any other means, including by telephone or an in-person visit to a County facility. In all cases, the County strives to collect the minimum information necessary to comply with applicable law and/or provide the service requested.

Use of "Cookies" Change to one or the other

Like many websites, our Site uses “cookie” technology. A “cookie” is a small data file. Our Site may store cookies on your hard drive. Cookies help us know when you come back to our Site. Cookies also help us “remember” information about you. We may try to remember things such as what products you prefer and your log-in information. Personal Information may be tied to these cookies. You can set your browser to not accept cookies.

Use of Collected Information

The Internet Protocol (IP) address of a visitor’s computer is used to route the requested web page to his / her computer for viewing. The requested web page and the routing information is sent to our Internet Service Provider (ISP) or other entities involved in transmitting the requested page to the visitor. The routing information may be retained indefinitely. Ordinarily, however, the routing information is deleted periodically from the County’s computer after the web page is transmitted to the visitor. The County does not try to obtain any information to link it to the visitors who browse our Web site. Routing information is used primarily in a statistical summary type format to assess site content and server performance. However, logs of routing information are also retained to permit a security investigation on rare occasions when a "hacker" attempts to breach computer security. In such cases, the logs of routing information may be forwarded together with any other relevant information in our possession to the appropriate law enforcement agency. Optional information provided by visitors enables the County to: (1) provide services or information tailored more specifically to visitor needs; (2) forward visitor messages or inquiries to another entity to provide the service or information; or (3) plan Web site improvements. Optional information is retained in accordance with the records retention schedules established under the Virginia Public Records Act.

Protection of Information

The County of Dinwiddie does not sell, rent or otherwise distribute visitor information, including e-mail addresses, to any outside company or organization. We do not reveal specific information about subscribers or other personally identifiable data to unaffiliated third parties for their independent use, except if required to do so by the Virginia Freedom of Information Act or other law. This policy applies to information that may be collected on the County's Web site and on that of any third party with whom the County contracts to provide Internet related-services. The County of Dinwiddie maintains security standards and procedures regarding unauthorized access to customer information to prevent unauthorized removal or alteration of data.

Choice to Provide Information

A visitor is not required legally to provide any information at the County’s Web site. However, the County’s Web site will not work without the Internet Protocol (IP) address of the visitor’s computer. Failure of the visitor’s browser to provide nonessential technical information will not prevent his / her use of the County’s Web site, but may prevent certain features from working. The visitor’s failure to provide optional information may mean that the particular feature or service associated with that part of the web page will not be available for his / her use.

Visitor Comments or Review of Personal Information

Visitors, who have questions about this Internet Privacy Policy Statement or would like to review or correct any of their personal information, may contact the Dinwiddie Circuit Court Clerk’s Office at 804-469-4540.