

## Website Disclaimer

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### Disclaimer

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### Mission

Our mission is to maintain a worldwide presence for the City of Merced, and provide the public with quick and easy access to information about the City of Merced and its programs, projects and services.

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## Privacy

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To the extent that this web site contains or may in the future contain online payment services, the City of Merced will collect personal information, such as name, postal address, email address and credit card number should you decide to place an order online.

The City of Merced has implemented a secure socket layer to limit access to your personal information when submitted via the Web site. All personal information that is collected will only be used by the City of Merced for the intended purpose. The City of Merced is made up of various internal departments each of which may provide services that collect personal information. For information regarding the length of time your information will be retained or to view/modify personal information stored in our records, please contact the applicable City Department.

## Use of Cookies and Applets

Cookies are simple text files stored on your computer by your web browser. The City does not currently use Cookies on its web site. However, because cookies can be used to customize your browsing experience and confirm the integrity of an online transaction, the City may decide to use them in the future. If the decision is made to use cookies, the only personal information they will contain is information you supply yourself.

The use of Cookies can be disabled through a setting in your browser. However this may prevent you from using features that require them.

An Applet is a program that can be included in an HTML page, much in the same way an image is included. When you use a browser to view a page that contains an applet, the applet's code is transferred to your system and executed by the browser. Applets are intended to enhance your browsing experience by enabling you to view information in a unique manner or enable access to information that your computer would otherwise be unable to access without the applet.

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## Children

The City of Merced understands the importance of protecting the online privacy for children and does not knowingly collect any information from children.

Based on information collected from the Federal Trade Commission website for protecting children's privacy and the Commission Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA) website, the City of Merced website conforms to the following standards pertaining to the collection of information and children:

- This website does not knowingly attempt to collect any personal information from any children under the age of 13.
- The City of Merced website does not have a separate "children's area" that attempts to collect any personal information.

If parents have any questions on how to protect their children's privacy online, please visit the [Federal Trade Commission Protecting Kids Online Website](#).

Parents may want to visit the [Federal Trade Commission Children's Online Privacy Protection Act \(COPPA\) Website](#).

Additional information can be obtained at [Federal Trade Commission Children's Privacy Website](#).

**Any information collected on this website will never be sold or marketed to another entity.**

## Compatibility

The City of Merced's Web site was designed to support Microsoft Internet Explorer 4.0 and above, and Netscape Navigator 3.0 and above. The site is best viewed with your system set to 256 colors or higher, and monitor resolution of 600x800 or higher. Some features will require that you have JavaScript enabled on your browser.

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