

## RINET-Muni Member Filtering Agreement (rev. 9/20/06)

Access to the World Wide Web enables exploration of thousands of libraries, databases, and bulletin boards. However, some sites accessible via the Internet may contain inappropriate items. *Because of the dynamic nature of the Internet, no mechanism can categorically deny access to all such sites.* Filtering software, however, can significantly **reduce** access to inappropriate sites.

RINET Internet content filtering is a network-based solution that blocks Web sites based on a library of potentially objectionable sites in over seventy categories. It allows authorized municipal personnel to define filtering rules based on local policies. In addition, filtering rules can be applied to multiple zones within a municipality, depending upon local technical constraints.

Please note that Internet content filtering does not filter e-mail, but Web-based e-mail can be blocked.

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The municipality understands that Internet content filtering is only one of several systems it may wish to have in place and does not replace the need for education and training of staff on appropriate, safe, and responsible uses of the Internet, nor does it negate the need for an *Internet Acceptable Use Policy*.

The municipality also understands that while Internet content filtering significantly reduces access to inappropriate sites, it will not block access to **all** sites a community member may find inappropriate. In addition, in the unlikely event that both the primary and backup filtering devices are inoperable and all other systems are functioning, RINET staff will notify municipality that alternative measures should be employed until further notice.

The municipality understands that RINET offers this optional service to assist in blocking inappropriate sites. RINET cannot guarantee that staff will not find sites deemed inappropriate by the municipality or the community.

The municipality accepts responsibility for maintaining the custom filtering configuration and designates a local, technical staff member for maintaining local filtering configurations.

The municipality accepts complete responsibility if a staff member gains access to inappropriate site(s) and holds RINET harmless in such an event.

Signature of Municipal Official: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized Municipal Representative to implement and maintain RINET filtering solution:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_