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## Policy Statement

Salt Lake County Library Services (The County Library) offers free filtered Internet access points or “hot spots” in designated libraries for wireless patrons with appropriately equipped wireless devices during library business hours. Patrons agree to abide by the Library’s Internet Access & Computer Use Policy when accessing the County Library’s wireless network. **ALL LIABILITY AND RISK LIES WITH THE PATRON.**

## Regulations

### 1.0 Wireless Network Access

1.1 Wireless Internet access is subject to the Internet Access and Computer Use Policy, the Salt Lake County Library System Internet Acceptable Use Statement, the Salt Lake County Library System Online Privacy Statement, the Library Use & Behavior Policy and all other related Library policies.

1.2 Pursuant to Utah Code Annotated (UCA) 9-7-215, the County Library employs a technology protection measure on publicly accessible computers designed to block or filter visual depictions that are: I) child pornography, II) harmful to minors; or III) obscene.

1.2.1 Unfiltered Internet access is only available through the County Library’s public computers at the request of an adult patron for research or lawful purposes (UCA 9-7-215(4)), and not through its wireless Internet connection.

1.3 The Salt Lake County Library Board of Directors has also approved filtering all online gambling in accordance with Utah Code Annotated (UCA) 76-10-1102 which establishes that gambling in any form is a class B misdemeanor.

1.4 Use of speakers is not allowed. Headsets are required when accessing sound.

1.5 Printers may be available to wireless patrons. Access to printers is available through public Internet access terminals.

1.6 The County Library does not guarantee wireless connectivity.

1.6.1 The wireless network is subject to periodic maintenance and testing.

1.6.2 Several factors can affect both signal and speed including the distance from the wireless access point and the fact that the network is shared by many patrons.

1.6.3 Public access computers are available for patrons who need higher bandwidth.

## **2.0 Wireless Access Risks**

2.1 Patrons should consider all unencrypted communications over the network as insecure and available and all content as clear text.

2.2 Although Internet access does not increase the likelihood of acquiring a virus, viruses may be transmitted via e-mail attachments. Patrons should run and install virus protection programs.

2.3 The County Library is not responsible for damage, theft or loss of any kind to a patron's equipment, software, data files or other personal property brought into or used in any library facility.

## **3.0 Responsibilities of County Library Staff**

3.1 The County Library staff will only provide written instructions for getting started and technical assistance and troubleshooting. No other technical assistance is available.

## **4.0 Responsibilities of Wireless Network Patrons**

4.1 Anyone who is found to have used the County Library's wireless network to access materials in violation of Salt Lake County Library Services Internet Access and Computer Use Policy may be subject to loss of County Library privileges and appropriate legal action. (See Salt Lake County Library Services Internet Access and Computer Use Policy)

4.2 Anyone who attempts or acquires unauthorized access to the County Library's peripherals, software or database or who damages any County Library property may lose all County Library privileges and be subject to legal action. (See Salt Lake County Library Services Internet Access and Computer Use Policy)

4.3 Anyone whose use of the County Library's wireless network interferes with the rights of other County Library patrons or staff is subject to the consequences set forth in the Library Use and Behavior Policy and may include loss of County Library privileges and appropriate legal action.

## **5.0 Appeal Process**

5.1 Any person whose wireless network access is revoked under this policy, Salt Lake County Library Services Internet Access and Computer Use Policy or the Library Use and Behavior Policy may appeal to the Library Director. If the issue is not resolved through that appeal, a final appeal may be made to the Library Board of Directors.

### **Authorized by**

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