1. INTERNET ACCESS POLICY

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1.1. Purpose

The Petersburg Public Library provides access to a broad range of information resources including those available through the Internet. The library makes this service available as part of its mission to provide free and open access to information of all types in a wide range of formats for library users of all ages and backgrounds.

1.2. Statement of Responsibility

The Petersburg Public Library and the Petersburg Borough reserve the right to control the information on the Internet by way of Internet filters/monitoring.   The Petersburg Public Library does not warrant the accuracy, correctness or suitability of any information or data furnished through the Internet to the user. The library cannot control the availability, accuracy, or content of information on the internet. Parents or legal guardians are responsible for making decisions with their children about appropriate use of the Internet. Suggested guidelines are available at the Alaska Internet Circle of Safety (http://www.akla.org/safety/). In no event shall the Petersburg Public Library be liable to users in anyway whatsoever for any claims, notwithstanding the form of such claims, arising or resulting from or related to use of the Library's Internet connection.

1.3. Access

The Internet is a global electronic network of ideas, images, and commentary that may enhance resources already available in the library. The library upholds the right of each individual to have access to constitutionally protected material. The library also affirms the right and responsibility of parents and legal guardians to determine and monitor their own children's use of library materials and resources.

In compliance of state and federal laws (HB 04-1004 Internet Protection in Public Libraries; C.R. S. 24-90-601-606 and Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA), Pub. L. No. 106-554), the Petersburg Public Library reserves the right to filter any computer or wireless access point. Internet computers will not be used for illegal activity, to access illegal materials, or to access materials that by local community standards would be considered obscene.

1.4. Confidentiality

Any information which identifies Internet users with specific materials or subject matter is considered confidential. Such records shall not be made available to any agency or local, state, or federal government except pursuant to such process, order or subpoena as may be authorized under the authority of federal, state or local law relating to criminal, civil, or administrative discovery procedures or legislative investigatory power. The Petersburg

Public Library resists the issuance or enforcement of any such process, order, or subpoena until such time as a proper showing of good cause has been made in a court of competent jurisdiction. If a court order is presented, the staff or volunteer should refer server to the Library Director. The Library Director should contact the Borough attorney for legal advice and permission to release records.

1.5. Legal and Ethical Use

All existing city, state, or federal statutes and library policies apply to users of library computer resources. Violation or attempted violation of any laws, or policies or library system security may result in loss of library privileges and possible civil or criminal penalties.

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1.6. Privacy

In order to make the Internet available to as many people as possible and to ensure that it is used in a manner consistent with Library policies, the Library has adopted rules regarding *Acceptable Use of Electronic Resources.* All users are asked to respect the privacy of other users and not attempt to censor or comment upon what others are viewing. The Library's Rules of Conduct and pertinent state, federal and local laws apply to all Library users.

2.   ACCEPTABLE USE OF ELECTRONIC RESOURCES

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Library computers and wi-fi access are provided to meet the informational, educational, cultural and recreational needs and interests of all customers. Computers are for use as is, neither patrons nor front desk staff should add any software to the computer. In order to make these resources available to as many customers as possible and to make sure that the equipment is used in a manner consistent with the Library Code of Conduct, the following rules apply:
- Library computers and wi-fi may not be used for any illegal activity including, but not limited to:
    - Damaging or altering computer equipment, systems or software
    - Displaying, printing or sending any material that is obscene, libelous, threatening or harassing
    - Downloading or installing any harmful program defined as, but not limited to, spyware, viruses, Trojans, malware, or any other illegal utility on any computer
    - Violating copyright or trademark laws, software licensing agreements or intellectual property rights

- In order to allow all customers an opportunity to use the equipment, customers may be asked to comply with signup and time limitations.
- Because computers are located in public areas of the library, what is displayed on the monitor is not confidential.
- Refusal to comply with these rules may result in loss of computer privileges, being asked to leave the library and/or the summoning of law enforcement authorities.