

Our Privacy Policy

We understand you value your privacy, and we make every effort to respect it. This web site does not require you to identify yourself in any way to use its features. Some features of the web site—for example, the Contact Us page—may allow you to enter information that could be used to identify you, such as your name, email address, or other contact information. However, entering information in these fields is **optional**. You do not need to enter any information about yourself unless one of the following conditions applies:

- You ask us to contact you or send you some information. In this case we need to know how you wish us to contact you or where you wish the information to be sent.
- There is a legal requirement for you to identify yourself. For example, some information or services may be available only to residents of the City of Rutledge. We would require that you verify your residency status by, for example, providing your name and address.

Information We Maintain About You

Except as noted below, we do not store any information about you when you access this web site. In particular, we do not presently use "[cookies](#)", "[web bugs](#)", or other technological methods to identify you or track your activities. When you provide information to us, including information that could be used to identify you, we will store that information only as long as it is needed to respond to that particular request. For example, if you use the Contact Us link, we may retain your email address while we correspond with you.

All web browsers send certain data when you access this, or any other, web site. While this information generally is not used to identify you specifically, it is possible you could be identified by your Internet Service Provider (ISP) based on this information and the timeframe during which you were accessing the site. Typically, ISPs identify you in this way only when they are legally required to do so, such as in response to a subpoena from a court of law.

Most browsers send the following types of information when accessing a web site:

- **Your Internet Protocol (IP) address.** This is your computer's address on the Internet, and is needed so the web site can send the pages you request back to you. Most home users access the Internet through their ISP. The IP address your ISP assigns you typically changes from day to day as you disconnect and reconnect to the ISP's system via your modem.
- **Information about your browser and operating system.** This includes the maker and version of your browser (for example, Microsoft Internet Explorer 6.0) and operating system (for example, Microsoft Windows XP with Service Pack 2). This information also includes which types of content your browser can accept. The web site uses this information to determine how to format the information you have requested so you can view it in your browser.
- **The URL (or address) of the web page you came from.** This allows the web site to understand how visitors navigate through the site. As noted below, this information is stored only in anonymous form, and generally cannot be used to identify your particular browsing pattern on the site.
- **Any "cookies" that the browser has received for this site.** Our site does not use cookies, but when you visit other web sites, they may set cookies that will be sent back to them as you navigate their site.

Our web site hosting provider stores this data in log files, and uses it to provide anonymous statistics about which pages have been visited on our site, how often those pages have been visited, and approximately how many visitors have viewed the site. Neither our web site hosting provider nor we can use this information to identify what you, or any other particular visitor, are viewing on our site.

The Electronic Frontier Foundation lists [12 ways to protect your online privacy](#) . If you have any questions or concerns about your privacy on this web site, please use the Contact Us link below to ask us about them.