

607 - SOFTWARE AND FEDERAL COPYRIGHT LAW

Section 607.01 Licensing of Computer Software	Fort Bend County licenses the use of computer software from a variety of outside companies. Fort Bend County does not own this software or related documentation and, unless authorized by the software developer, does not have the right to reproduce it.
Section 607.02 License Agreement	With regard to use on local area networks or on multiple machines, Fort Bend County employees shall use the software only in accordance with the license agreement.
Section 607.03 Notification of Misuse	Fort Bend County employees learning of any misuse of software or related documentation within the County shall notify the elected official or department head.
Section 607.04 U.S. Copyright Law	According to the U. S. Copyright Law, illegal reproduction of software can be subject to civil damages, of as much as \$100,000 per copyright violated, and criminal penalties, including fines and imprisonment. Fort Bend County employees who make, acquire or use unauthorized copies of computer software shall be disciplined as appropriate under the circumstances. Such discipline may include termination. Fort Bend County does not condone the illegal duplication of software.

Policy Approved and Adopted By:
Fort Bend County Commissioners Court
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