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for consideration by the Apex Town Council

Item Type: CONSENT AGENDA

Meeting Date: December 10, 2024

Item Details

Presenter(s): Erika Sacco, Director

Department(s): Information Technology

Requested Motion

Motion to approve a policy titled "Policy Prohibiting Viewing of Pornography on Town Networks and Devices" effective January 1, 2025 to comply with North Carolina State Law.

Approval Recommended?

Yes

Item Details

The North Carolina General Assembly passed Session Law 2024-26, effective October 1, 2024, creating N.C.G.S. §143-805. This new statute requires that public agencies, including municipalities, take affirmative action to adopt a policy prohibiting the viewing or accessing of pornography on Town networks and devices no later than January 1, 2025. Current Town policies likely encompass such a prohibition but this policy is presented to Council to ensure clear compliance with the Session Law.

The policy provides specific prohibitions as to what can be viewed on town devices and networks and applies to Town employees, Councilmembers, and appointees. As required by statute, it also addresses reporting requirements and discipline for violation of the policy. There are various exceptions allowed by statute for certain uses, such as criminal investigation and cybersecurity. This policy does not replace current IT Policy Procedures, it is in addition to those policies.

Attachments

- CN7-A1: Policy Prohibiting Viewing of Pornography on Town Networks and Devices.

