



STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: December 10, 2024

TITLE: Consider and act on the second reading of Ordinance No. 2024-42 approving the "Covered Applications and Prohibited Technology Policy" as required by Senate Bill 1893.

AGENDA ITEM SUBMITTED BY: Tanya Cantrell, Director of Human Resources and Jaime Saldivar, Information Technology Director

BACKGROUND/HISTORY:

At the last legislative session, the Texas legislature passed Senate Bill 1893 which prohibits the use of TikTok and certain other social media applications and services on governmental devices.

The bill requires cities to adopt a policy by:

- 1) Prohibit the installation of TikTok or other covered application on any device owned or leased by the governmental entity; and
- 2) Requires the removal of covered applications from those devices.

Information Technology staff has incorporated safeguards with new software pushed to all devices that prevents the download of covered applications. The adopted policy will become a part of the onboarding process of new employees.

The policy will be discussed with existing employees at the department level.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Less than \$5,000 – Cost of new software

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve as required

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Model Policy