

CITY OF CAMDEN
ORDINANCE NO. 13-25

**AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AN ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE POLICY FOR THE
CITY OF CAMDEN IN COMPLIANCE WITH ACT 848 OF 2025; AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES**

WHEREAS, Act 848 of 2025, enacted by the Arkansas General Assembly and codified at Ark. Code Ann. § 25-1-128 et. seq., requires all public entities, including municipalities, to adopt a policy concerning the authorized use of artificial intelligence (AI) and automated decision tools; and

WHEREAS, the Act defines AI as a machine-based system that can, based on a given set of human-defined objectives, make predictions, recommendations, or decisions influencing real or virtual environments and it defines Automated Decision Tool as a system or service that uses AI and has been specifically developed and marketed, or specifically modified, to make or to be a controlling factor in making consequential decisions; and

WHEREAS, the Act mandates that final decisions involving AI must be made by a human employee; and

WHEREAS, Section (d) of Act 848 specifically prohibits the use of AI and automated decision tools by public employees; and

WHEREAS, the Act further requires municipalities to provide employee training on the AI policy and to establish disciplinary procedures for violations of the policy; and

WHEREAS, the Arkansas Municipal League has made free training resources available to assist municipalities in complying with Act 848;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAMDEN, ARKANSAS:

Section 1. The City hereby adopts the attached Artificial Intelligence Policy, which defines the authorized use of AI and automated decision tools by city employees.

Section 2. The policy requires that all consequential decisions involving AI tools must be reviewed and finalized by a human employee or authorized designee.

Section 3. The policy includes a prohibition on the use of AI and automated decision tools for the following purposes, as required by Section (d) of Act 848 of 2025:

- Expressing a personal political opinion to an elected official unless the opinion is within the scope of the employee’s regular job duties; or requested by an elected official or public entity; or
- Engaging in lobbying an elected official on a personal opinion if the employee is a not a registered lobbyist for the city;
- Engaging in illegal activities or activities otherwise prohibited by federal law or state law;
- Intentionally overriding or avoiding the cybersecurity or system integrity procedures of the City.

Section 4. All city employees may complete a free training on the AI policy, as provided by the Arkansas Municipal League or other approved sources prior to using AI on city business or city equipment.

Section 5. Violations of the policy may result in disciplinary action.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2025.

Charlotte Young, Mayor

Donna Stewart, Clerk