

## RESOLUTION 2024-269

### **A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A POLICY PROHIBITING THE USE OF TIKTOK ON CITY-OWNED DEVICES AND NETWORKS IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE "NO TIKTOK ON GOVERNMENT DEVICES ACT" (S.1143).**

WHEREAS, the federal government enacted the "No TikTok on Government Devices Act" (S.1143), prohibiting the use of TikTok on federally owned or controlled devices and networks to safeguard data and mitigate cybersecurity risks; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hilshire Village is committed to maintaining robust cybersecurity standards and safeguarding sensitive city information from potential unauthorized access; and

WHEREAS, banning TikTok on City-owned devices and networks supports the City's efforts to protect the privacy and security of its operations and data;

### **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF HILSHIRE VILLAGE, TEXAS:**

Section 1. The TikTok and Covered Applications Policy, attached hereto as "Exhibit A," is hereby adopted as the official policy of the City of Hilshire Village. This policy prohibits the use and installation of TikTok and other covered applications on any device owned, leased, or controlled by the City, and sets forth procedures for managing City-owned devices and networks to ensure compliance.

Section 2. The use, download, or installation of TikTok and other covered applications on any City-owned or leased device is hereby prohibited, including but not limited to smartphones, tablets, computers, and any other internet-enabled devices.

Section 3. City employees, contractors, and vendors are prohibited from accessing or using TikTok and other covered applications on City-owned networks or while conducting official City business on any device, whether personal or City-issued.

Section 4. The City Administrator is directed to ensure that all relevant employees, contractors, and vendors are notified of this policy and to implement appropriate technical measures to block TikTok and other covered applications on City networks and devices.

Section 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage and adoption by the City Council of Hilshire Village.

**PASSED AND APPROVED this 19<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2024.**

ATTEST:  
Mayor

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Robert F. Buesinger,

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Cassie Stephens, City Secretary

**Exhibit A**

**CITY OF HILSHIRE VILLAGE  
TIKTOK AND COVERED APPLICATIONS POLICY**

**Background:**

On December 7, 2022, Governor Greg Abbott mandated that all state agencies ban the video-sharing application TikTok from state-owned and state-issued devices and networks. The Governor directed the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) and the Texas Department of Information Resources (DIR) to develop guidelines for managing personal devices used for state business. Subsequently, the 88th Texas Legislature passed Senate Bill 1893, which prohibits the use of covered applications on governmental entity devices.

This policy establishes a framework for the City of Hilshire Village to comply with these requirements by prohibiting the installation and use of TikTok and other covered applications on applicable devices.

**Scope and Application:**

The policy governs the use of TikTok and similar covered applications pursuant to Senate Bill 1893, including:

- The social media service TikTok or any successor application or service developed or provided by ByteDance Limited, or an entity owned by ByteDance Limited.
- Any other social media application or service identified as a threat by the Governor under Government Code Section 620.005.

**Covered Applications on City-Owned or Leased Devices:**

The installation, use, or operation of TikTok and any other covered application is prohibited on all devices owned, leased, or controlled by the City of Hilshire Village. The City will manage these devices to:

- a. Prohibit the installation of covered applications.
- b. Prohibit the use of covered applications.
- c. Remove covered applications from City-owned or -leased devices that were installed prior to this policy's adoption.
- d. Remove any additional applications identified by the Governor as covered applications.

The City will implement the following security measures:

- a. Restrict access to unauthorized app stores to prevent the installation of unauthorized applications.
- b. Maintain the ability to remotely wipe non-compliant or compromised devices.
- c. Maintain the ability to remotely uninstall unauthorized software from mobile devices.

**Ongoing and Emerging Technology Threats:**

To ensure the City remains protected against technological threats, the DPS and DIR will monitor social media applications that pose cybersecurity risks. The Governor may proclaim additional applications as covered, at which point the City will update its policy and remove those applications from its devices.

**Bring Your Own Device Policy:**

Employees using personal devices for City business are prohibited from installing or using TikTok or any other covered application on those devices while conducting City business. The City may implement additional security measures for employee-owned devices used in connection with City business.

**Covered Application Exceptions:**

The City may permit limited exceptions to this policy, allowing the installation and use of covered applications only if:

- a. The application is necessary for law enforcement activities.
- b. The application is needed for developing or implementing cybersecurity measures.

In the event that an exception is granted, the City must document the measures taken to mitigate the risks posed by the covered application and ensure compliance with state laws.