



## CITY OF LAUREL, MARYLAND

### RESOLUTION NO. 8-2025

#### A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL, MARYLAND FOR THE PURPOSE OF APPROVING PROCEDURES ON SOCIAL MEDIA USE FOR THE LAUREL CITY COUNCIL

*Sponsored by the President at the request of the Administration.*

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and City Council of Laurel (the “City”) have determined that procedures on social media use for the Laurel City Council should be established; and

**WHEREAS**, in *Lindke v. Freed* (2024), the Supreme Court of the United States clarified the use of social media accounts by public officials and the subject of First Amendment constraints; and

**WHEREAS**, social media provides a way to build community and rapidly communicate directly with stakeholders, partners, the public and the media as part of online communications; and

**WHEREAS**, the official City website, [www.cityoflaurel.org](http://www.cityoflaurel.org), remains the primary and predominant public source for in-depth information, forms, documents, or online services necessary to conduct business with the City; and

**WHEREAS**, official and personal usage of social media by elected officials must comply with public records laws, open meetings statutes, and preserve public trust; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and City Council of Laurel, Maryland have determined that the terms and conditions of the procedures on social media use for the Laurel City Council are acceptable, and are in the best interests of the City:

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the procedure on social media use for the Laurel City Council attached hereto as Attachment A and incorporated herein by reference are approved, and hereby adopted.

**AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this Resolution shall take effect on the date of its adoption.

**ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

**ATTEST:**

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**SARA A. GREEN, CPM, MMC**  
City Clerk

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**KYLA M. CLARK**  
President of the City Council

**APPROVED** this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

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**KEITH R. SYDNOR**  
Mayor