

## RESOLUTION R101024-03

### A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VERNIA, TEXAS, ADOPTING A SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY; ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

**WHEREAS**, The Texas legislature passed [S.B. 1893](#), which prohibits the use of TikTok and certain other social media applications and services on governmental devices. The bill specifically requires cities and other political subdivisions to adopt a policy: (1) prohibiting the installation of TikTok or another covered application on any device owned or leased by the governmental entity; and (2) requiring the removal of TikTok and covered applications from those devices; and

**WHEREAS**, The City of La Vernia (“City”) considers the prohibited use and having social media platforms on government-owned and maintained devices to be an essential responsibility; and

**WHEREAS**, The City wishes to establish parameters pertaining to the employee use of government-owned and maintained devices; and

**WHEREAS**, It is the policy of the City to manage all government-owned and maintained devices in the highest ethical manner and in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA  
VERNIA, TEXAS:**

**SECTION 1.** That the Social Media Policy, attached hereto as “Exhibit A”, is hereby adopted as the official Social Media Policy of the City.

**SECTION 2.** Regarding the Social Media Policy of the City, that policy shall remain in effect for as many years as needed to comply with S.B. 1893.

**SECTION 3.** That the City Administrator is hereby authorized to implement the Social Media Policy attached as Exhibit A.

**SECTION 4.** All resolutions, or parts thereof, which are in conflict or inconsistent with any provision of this Resolution are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict, and the provisions of this Resolution shall be and remain controlling as to the matters resolved herein.

**SECTION 5.** It is officially found, determined, and declared that the meeting at which this Resolution is adopted was open to the public and public notice of the time, place, and subject matter of the public business to be considered at such meeting, including this

Resolution, was given, all as required by Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, as amended.

**SECTION 6.** This Resolution shall be in force and effect from and after its final passage, and it is so resolved.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** this 10<sup>th</sup> day of Oct 2024.

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Martin Poore, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Madison Farrow, City Secretary

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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City Attorney's Office

## **Exhibit A**

# Social media Policy

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## **POLICY**

All employees with government-owned and maintained devices are prohibited from using and having social media platforms on said devices. I.e. Tik Tok, Instagram, Facebook, Snapchat, X, dating applications, and all other applications unless approved and monitored by the City Administrator for the soul purpose of City business.

## **Behavior**

The IT department has implemented an application monitoring system for all devices, which restricts the use of certain applications. This program will be live in late 2024.

Employees found in violation of this policy may be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including termination of employment.