

RESOLUTION R041124-02

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA
VERNIA TEXAS ADOPTING A BODY-WORN CAMERA POLICY;
ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

WHEREAS, The City of La Vernia (“City”) considers the wearing of body-worn cameras by the police force to be an important responsibility and utilizes body-worn cameras in an effort to accurately document police-public contacts, arrests, and critical incidents; and

WHEREAS, This policy is intended to provide officers with instructions on when and how to use body-worn cameras, in an effort for police officers to conduct themselves in the highest ethical manner, and in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations; and

WHEREAS, To the extent required by law and regulation, and the maximum extent practical, the City will enforce this body-worn camera policy.

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

SECTION 1. That the Body-Worn Camera Policy, attached hereto as “Exhibit A”, is hereby adopted as the official Body-Worn Camera Policy of the City for any instance in which a body-worn camera is utilized.

SECTION 2. To the extent that any instance in which a Body-Worn Camera is used by the police force under a previous procurement policy of the City, that policy shall remain in effect only for the purposes of that or those particular instances.

SECTION 3. That the Police Chief is hereby authorized to implement the Body-Worn Camera 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resolutions, or parts thereof, which are in conflict or inconsistent with any provision of this Resolution are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict, and the provisions of this Resolution shall be and remain controlling as to the matters resolved herein.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 11th day of April 2024.

Martin Poore, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lindsey Wheeler, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney's Office