



AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY FORM

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The 2025 update modernizes the Internet Safety Policy last updated in 2013 by clarifying language, expanding scope, and adding user responsibilities. It replaces “filtering hardware” with “filtering software” and applies it to all access points, including wireless. The update emphasizes parental responsibility, outlines clearer steps for unblocking sites for minors and disabling filters for adults, and adds an Internet Use Rules section covering copyright, device security, and liability disclaimers. Prohibited activities remain similar but now require parental responsibility for minors using instant messaging. The policy also removes the requirement for minors to use computers only in the Children’s Room and introduces disclaimers for damages and theft. Overall, the revision reflects current technology and provides comprehensive guidelines for safe and responsible use.

RECOMMENDATION:

City Council should adopt the updated Library Internet Safety Policy as it modernizes technology requirements, clarifies responsibilities, and adds comprehensive guidelines for safe and lawful internet use.