

Montgomery City Council
AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date: December 10, 2024	Budgeted Amount: N/A
Department: Administration	Prepared By: Ruby Beaven

Subject

Consideration and possible action on a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Montgomery, Texas, adopting the Covered Applications and Prohibited Technology Policy to satisfy the requirements of Senate Bill 1893.

Recommendation

Motion to adopt the Resolution for an Covered Applications and Prohibited Technology Policy.

Discussion

On December 7, 2022, Governor Greg Abbott required all state agencies to ban the video-sharing application TikTok from all state-owned and state-issued devices and networks over the Chinese Communist Party's ability to use the application for surveilling Texans. Governor Abbott also directed the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) and the Texas Department of Information Resources (DIR) to develop a plan providing state agencies guidance on managing personal devices used to conduct state business. Following the issuance of the Governor's directive, the 88th Texas Legislature passed Senate Bill 1893, which prohibits the use of covered applications on governmental entity devices.

As required by the Governor's directive and Senate Bill 1893, this model policy prohibits the installation or use of covered applications or prohibited technologies on applicable devices.

Pursuant to SB1893 Governmental entities, including local governments, must adopt a covered applications policy.

Recommendation is to approve the Covered Applications and Prohibited Technology Policy, as presented, to satisfy the requirements of SB 1893 at this time. This policy will be included in the City's Personnel Policy at a later date.

Approved By

City Secretary & Director of Administrative Services	Ruby Beaven	Date: 12/03/2024
City Administrator		Date: