AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY SHEET City of Rollingwood

Meeting Date: October 16, 2024

Submitted By:

Staff

Agenda Item:

Discussion and possible action on a Covered Applications and Prohibited Technology Policy

Description:

Last session, the Texas legislature passed <u>S.B. 1893</u>, 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.

Although the bill went into effect immediately upon being signed by the governor in 2023, the requirement that a city adopt the policy described above did not apply until the Department of Information Resources (DIR) and the Department of Public Safety (DPS) jointly developed a model policy for governmental entities to use in developing their own local policy. The model policy was released in September 2024 and the City has until November 20, 2024 to adopt a local policy as required by S.B. 1893.

The attached policy was modeled after the DIR model policy and was approved by legal.

Action Requested:

To approve the Covered Applications and Prohibited Technology Policy

Fiscal Impacts:

No significant fiscal impacts anticipated at this time.

Attachments:

Draft Covered Applications and Prohibited Technology Policy