

CITY OF BLANCO

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-R-001

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A MODEL “TIK TOK” POLICY IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE 88TH TEXAS LEGISLATURE PASSED SENATE BILL 1893 PROHIBITING THE USE OF COVERED APPLICATIONS ON GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY DEVICES; DECLARING A PUBLIC PURPOSE; INCORPORATING RECITALS; PROVIDING A REPEALER; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS the 88th Texas Legislature passed Senate Bill 1893 to create Chapter 620 of the Texas Government Code, which requires all Texas municipalities to adopt a policy prohibiting the installation or use of certain applications on government-owned devices; and

WHEREAS, to comply with applicable provisions of Chapter 620, Texas Government Code, the City Council for the City of Blanco has determined that it is necessary and appropriate to adopt the policy set forth herein; and

WHEREAS the governing body finds that the policy approved this date and attached as Exhibit “A” hereto is required by law and necessary for the good governance and operation of the City;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLANCO:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. The City of Blanco adopts the policy attached as Exhibit “A” hereto and orders it implemented in the manner prescribed thereby. The policy may be updated by the City Administrator by policy directive with notice to the city council, if required by state law, change in city circumstance or otherwise.

SECTION 2. DISTRIBUTION. All employees shall be provided with a copy of the policy and sign an acknowledgement of receipt. The City Secretary shall keep copies of each acknowledgment in the employee’s personnel file.

SECTION 3. PUBLIC INTEREST. The City finds the adoption of the policy is in the public interest.

SECTION 4. INCORPORATION OF RECITALS. The City hereby finds the statements set forth in the recitals of this resolution are true and correct and incorporates such recitals as findings of fact.

SECTION 5 REPEALER. All resolutions or parts of resolutions and minute orders in conflict herewith are repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 6. SEVERABILITY. If any provision of this resolution or the application thereof to any circumstance shall be held to be invalid, the remainder of this resolution and the application thereof to other circumstances shall nevertheless be valid, and this governing body hereby declares that this resolution would have been enacted without such invalid provision.

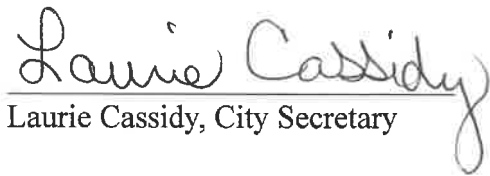
SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE. This resolution will become effective immediately following its adoption by the City Council of the City of Blanco.

RESOLVED and ORDERED in Blanco, Texas, this the 14 day of January 2025.



Mike Arnold, Mayor

ATTEST:



Laurie Cassidy, City Secretary



EXHIBIT A
City of Blanco
Covered Applications and Prohibited Technology Policy
Adopted: January 14, 2025

1. PURPOSE

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.

2. SCOPE AND DEFINITIONS

This policy applies to all City of Blanco ("City") full- and part-time employees, contractors, paid or unpaid interns, and other users of government networks. All City employees are responsible for complying with this policy. A covered application is:

- a. The social media service TikTok or any successor application or service developed or provided by ByteDance Limited, or an entity owned by ByteDance Limited.
- b. A social media application or service specified by proclamation of the governor under Government Code Section 620.005.

3. COVERED APPLICATIONS ON CITY-OWNED OR LEASED DEVICES

Except where approved exceptions apply, the use or installation of covered applications is prohibited on all government-owned or -leased devices, including cell phones, tablets, desktop and laptop computers, and other internet-capable devices.

The City will identify, track, and manage all government-owned or -leased devices including mobile phones, tablets, laptops, desktop computers, or any other internet-capable devices to:

- a. Prohibit the installation of a covered application.
- b. Prohibit the use of a covered application.
- c. Remove a covered application from a government-owned or -leased device that was on the device prior to the passage of S.B. 1893 (88th Leg, R.S.).
- d. Remove an application from a government-owned or -leased device if the Governor issues a proclamation identifying it as a covered application.

The City will manage all government-owned or leased mobile devices by implementing the security measures listed below:

- a. Educate employees about the policy changes described herein.
- b. Reserve the right to conduct random device checks to ensure compliance with this policy.

4. ONGOING AND EMERGING TECHNOLOGY THREATS

To provide protection against ongoing and emerging technological threats to the government's sensitive information and critical infrastructure, DPS and DIR will regularly monitor and evaluate additional social media applications or services that pose a risk to this state. DIR will annually submit to the Governor a list of social media applications and services identified as posing a risk to Texas. The Governor may proclaim items on this list as covered applications that are subject to this policy.

If the Governor identifies an item on the DIR-posted list described by this section, then the City will remove and prohibit the covered application. The City may also prohibit social media applications or services in addition to those specified by the proclamation of the Governor.

5. COVERED APPLICATION EXCEPTIONS

The City may permit exceptions authorizing the installation and use of a covered application on government-owned or -leased devices consistent with the authority provided by Government Code Chapter 620. Government Code Section 620.004 only allows the City to install and use a covered application on an applicable device to the extent necessary for:

- a. Providing law enforcement; or
- b. Developing or implementing information security measures.

If the City authorizes an exception allowing for the installation and use of a covered application, the City must use measures to mitigate the risks posed to the state during the application's use as recommended by the Texas Department of Information Resources. The City must document whichever measures it took to mitigate the risks posed to the state during the use of the covered application.

6. POLICY COMPLIANCE

All City employees shall sign a document annually confirming their understanding of the agency's covered applications and prohibited technology policies. Governmental entities that are subject to Senate Bill 1893 but not subject to the Governor's December 07, 2022, directive may elect not to require employees to complete an annual certification.

The City will verify compliance with this policy through various methods, including but not limited to, IT/security system reports and feedback to leadership. An employee found to have violated this policy may be subject to disciplinary action, including termination of employment.