



City of Denton

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AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Human Resources

CM/ DCM/ ACM: Cassey Ogden, Deputy City Manager

DATE: September 30, 2025

SUBJECT

Consider approval of a resolution of the City of Denton amending Policy No. 506.12 “Covered Applications” to provide for compliance with the Governor’s mandates banning specific covered applications from City owned Electronics and Devices in accordance with Chapter 620 of the Texas Government Code; and declaring an effective date.

STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT

This action supports Key Focus Area: Pursue Organizational Excellence and Collaborative and Respectful Leadership.

INFORMATION

The City’s Code of Ordinances, Section 2-28, “Policies, Procedures, and Directives,” establishes the definitions and approval processes for policy documents. The City of Denton maintains two types of policy documents: Policies and Administrative Directives.

- **Policies** must be adopted and approved by the City Council. A “Policy” means a statement of overall philosophy and direction, describing goals to be accomplished and programs to be established. To revise a Policy Statement, the City Council must approve the revision.
- **Administrative Directives** are approved and issued by the City Manager to city employees to establish rules and regulations concerning internal operational matters. Administrative Directives do not require City Council review or approval for enactment or revision.

BACKGROUND

Policy 506.12, Covered Applications was originally adopted on September 23, 2024, and last updated on April 9, 2025. This policy was implemented in accordance with the proclamation issued by the Governor of the State of Texas under Government Code Section 620.005, which mandates that certain social media platforms must not be installed on government devices.

The April 2025 revision added an additional covered application. Since that time, the Governor has added yet another covered application. To address this ongoing change, the policy has now been updated to remove references to specific platforms and instead provide an avenue to include all social media platforms as defined under Texas Government Code Section 620.005 and any subsequent amendments. This approach eliminates the need to revise the policy each time a new platform is added by the Governor.

Other revisions to the policy have included clarifications regarding roles, responsibilities, and terminology related to compliance with the proclamation.

The amendment of this policy has no budgetary impacts.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of the resolution.

EXHIBITS

Exhibit 1 – Agenda Information Sheet

Exhibit 2 – Resolution

Exhibit 3 – Revised Policy No. 506.12 Covered Application Policy

Exhibit 4 – Redlined Policy Draft. 506.12 Covered Application Policy

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