

**TOWN OF WESTLAKE**

**RESOLUTION NO. 24-77**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WESTLAKE, TEXAS, APPROVING A POLICY FOR PREVENTING USE OF PROHIBITED TECHNOLOGY**

**WHEREAS**, On June 14, 2023, Governor Greg Abbott required all municipal governments to ban the video-sharing application TikTok from all government-owned and government-issued devices and networks over the Chinese Communist Party's ability to use the application for surveilling Texans.; and

**WHEREAS**, 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.; and

**WHEREAS**, Although the bill went into effect immediately upon being signed by the governor in 2023, the requirement that a city adopt a 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.; and

**WHEREAS**, The DIR/DPS model policy was recently released on September 16, 2024, and provides guidance that governmental entities, including cities, have until November 20, 2024 to adopt their local policies required by S.B. 1893.; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council finds that the passage of this Resolution is in the best interest of the citizens of Westlake.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WESTLAKE, TEXAS:**

**SECTION 1:** That all matters stated in the Recitals hereinabove are found to be true and correct and are incorporated herein by reference as if copied in their entirety.

**SECTION 2:** That the Town Council of the Town of Westlake, Texas, hereby adopts the Town of Westlake Prohibited Technology Policy.

**SECTION 3:** If any portion of this Resolution shall, for any reason, be declared invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect the remaining provisions hereof and the Council hereby determines that it would have adopted this Resolution without the invalid provision.

**SECTION 4:** That this resolution shall become effective from and after its date of passage.

**PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS 11<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER 2024.**

ATTEST:

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Kim Greaves, Mayor

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Dianna Buchanan, Town Secretary

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Wade Carroll, Town Manager

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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L. Stanton Lowry, Town Attorney