

**RESOLUTION OF THE HIGH POINT CITY COUNCIL
PROHIBITING VIEWING OR SAVING PORNOGRAPHY
ON CITY NETWORKS AND DEVICES**

WHEREAS, the North Carolina General Assembly enacted a new law, N.C. Gen. Stat. § 143-805, in Section 7 of S.L. 2024-26, which prohibits local governments from allowing pornography to be viewed on local government networks or devices, establishes a deadline for local government employees and officials to delete any pornography from their government devices, creates reporting requirements for unauthorized viewing or attempted viewing of pornography, and requires local governments to adopt policies governing the use of their networks and devices and what disciplinary action will be taken for violation of these policies; and

WHEREAS, in order to comply with N.C. Gen. Stat. § 143-805, City staff shall update City policy accordingly, consistent with N.C. Gen. Stat. § 143-805.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of High Point that the City Council hereby adopts this Resolution consistent with N.C. Gen. Stat. § 143-805 prohibiting the viewing or saving of pornography by employees, elected officials, or appointees on or to any device owned, leased, maintained, or otherwise controlled by the City and directs City staff to update City policy to comply with N.C. Gen. Stat. § 143-805.

Section 1. City policy shall be updated to require all employees, elected officials, or appointees with pornography saved to a device owned, leased, maintained, or otherwise controlled by the City to remove, delete, or uninstall the pornography.

Section 2. City policy shall be updated to prohibit all employees from viewing pornography on any of the City' networks, or saving any pornography to a device owned, leased, maintained, or otherwise controlled by the City.

Section 3. City policy shall not apply to an official or employee that is engaged in any of the following activities in the course of that official's or employee's official duties:

- (i) Investigating or prosecuting crimes, offering or participating in law enforcement training, or performing actions related to other law enforcement purposes.
- (ii) Identifying potential security or cybersecurity threats.
- (iii) Protecting human life.
- (iv) Establishing, testing, and maintaining firewalls, protocols, and otherwise implementing this policy.
- (v) Participating in judicial or quasi-judicial proceedings.

Section 4. City policy shall be updated to require that the City of High Point Information Technology Services Director report annually, but no later than August 1st of each

year, to the State Chief Information Officer, in the format required by the State Chief Information Officer, on the number of incidences of unauthorized viewing or attempted viewing of pornography on the City's network; whether or not the unauthorized viewing was by an employee, elected official, or appointee of the City; and whether or not any of the unauthorized viewing was on a device owned, leased, maintained, or otherwise controlled by the City.

Section 5. City policy shall be updated to state the disciplinary action for violation of this policy.

Section 6. This resolution is effective upon adoption.

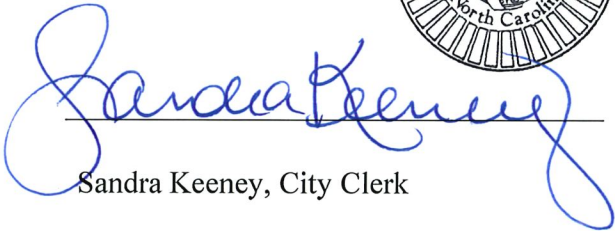
Adopted, this the 16th day of December, 2024.

By: 

Cyril Jefferson, Mayor

ATTEST:




Sandra Keeney, City Clerk