



FARMERS BRANCH
TEXAS

IMPLEMENTATION OF CITY-ISSUED CELL PHONES FOR THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

City Council | January 6, 2026

Requested By: Mayor Pro Tem Tina Bennett-Burton
Councilmember Elizabeth Villafranca

PURPOSE – TRANSPARENCY

- Providing City-issued mobile devices to Council Members supports effective governance, legal compliance, and public accountability by:
 - Ensuring reliable, secure, and consistent communication between Council Members and the public during regular operations and emergencies;
 - Clearly separating official City communications from personal devices, reducing risk related to open records requests, litigation holds, and records retention compliance;
 - Improving transparency and accountability by allowing official communications to be centrally managed, retained, and retrieved in accordance with State law and City policy; and
 - Protecting both the City and individual Council Members by minimizing inadvertent disclosure risks, data loss, or noncompliance associated with the use of personal devices for public business.





IMPLEMENTATION FRAMEWORK

Email –

- [District\(#{@farmersbranchtx.gov}](mailto:District(#{@farmersbranchtx.gov})
- mayor@farmersbranchtx.gov

Cell Phone Number –

- Assigned to the district and rotates to the new representative

Archive – Record

- Compliance w/ Texas Public Information Act and the Freedom of Information Act

A dark, semi-transparent background image showing an aerial view of a forest. A winding, light-colored path or stream bed cuts through the dense green foliage. The image has rounded corners and a subtle shadow at the bottom.

DISCUSSION/DIRECTION
