

CITY OF CEDARVILLE, ARKANSAS

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-01-20-05

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING AN ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE POLICY
FOR THE CITY OF CEDARVILLE IN COMPLAINECE WITH ACT 848 OF
2025; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

WHEREAS, Act 848 of 2025, enacted by the Arkansas General Assembly and codified at Ark. Code Ann. § 25-1-128 et. seq., requires all public entities, including municipalities, to adopt a policy concerning the authorized use of artificial intelligence (AI) and automated decision tools; and

WHEREAS, the Act defines AI as a machine-based system that can, based on a given set of human-defined objectives, make predictions, recommendations, or decisions influencing real or virtual environments and it defines Automated Decision Tool as a system or service that uses AI and has been specifically developed and marketed, or specifically modified, to make or to be a controlling factor in making consequential decisions; and

WHEREAS, the Act mandates that final decisions involving AI must be made by a human employee; and

WHEREAS, Section (d) of Act 848 specifically prohibits the use of AI and automated decision tools by public employees; and

WHEREAS, the Act further requires municipalities to provide employee training on the AI policy and to establish disciplinary procedures for violations of the policy; and

WHEREAS, the Arkansas Municipal League has made training resources available to assist municipalities in complying with Act 848;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
CEDARVILLE, ARKANSAS, AS FOLLOWS:**

SECTION 1: The City hereby adopts the attached Artificial Intelligence Policy, which defines the authorized use of AI and automated decision tools by city employees.

SECTION 2: The policy requires that all consequential decisions involving AI tools must be reviewed and finalized by a human employee or authorized designee.

SECTION 3: The policy includes a prohibition on the use of AI and automated decision tools for the following purposes, as required by Section (d) of Act 848 of 2025:

- Expressing a personal political opinion to an elected official unless the opinion is within the scope of the employee's regular job duties; or requested by an elected official or public entity; or
- Engaging in lobbying an elected official on a personal opinion if the employee is not a registered lobbyist for the city;
- Engaging in illegal activities or activities otherwise prohibited by federal law or state law;
- Intentionally overriding or avoiding the cybersecurity or system integrity procedures of the City.

SECTION 4: All city employees shall complete a training on the AI policy, as provided by the Arkansas Municipal League or other approved sources prior to using AI on city business or city equipment.

SECTION 5: The City hereby adopts a disciplinary procedure for violations of the AI policy, which shall be incorporated into the City's employee handbook and enforced accordingly.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 20th DAY OF January 2026.



MAYOR



CLERK /TREASURER

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI) POLICY CITY OF CEDARVILLE, ARKANSAS

POLICY NO: 2026-01

DATE ADOPTED: 1-20-26

PURPOSE

As AI technology grows, it's changing how people work. Our city sees both the good and the risks of using AI. This policy sets clear rules for how city employees, officials, and contractors can use AI tools. It also meets the legal requirement under Arkansas law Act 484 of 2025 (the Act) (Ark. Code Ann. § 25-1-128), which says every city must have an AO policy and train staff on how to use AI responsibly.

Who This Applies To

This policy applies to:

- All city/town, employees, elected officials, and contractors

What is AI?

- Artificial Intelligence (AI): A computer system that provides suggestions, answers, or decisions based on the questions or instructions it receives. The Act defines it as a machine-based system that can, based on a given set of human-defined objectives, make predictions, recommendations, or decisions influencing real or virtual environments.
- Automated Decision Tool: A type of AI that supports important decision-making processes. The Act defines it as meaning a system or service that uses AI and has been specifically developed and marketed, or specifically modified, to make or to be a controlling factor in making consequential decisions.
- Generative AI (GenAI): AI that can create original content, such as text, images, or videos.

Key Rules

1. AI is a Tool, Not a Finished Product

- AI can help with writing, research, and ideas.
- But people—not machines—must make all final decisions

2. Human Responsibility

- Human Review: A person must always make the final decision, even when AI is used to assist.
- You must check all AI-generated content for accuracy.

- You can't use AI to replace your own judgment or creativity.

3. Using AI for Research

- You can use AI to help find sources or brainstorm.
- But final work must be based on real, verified sources, not just AI summaries.

4. AI-Generated Content

- You can use AI to edit or summarize your own writing—but you must review it.
- You can't send out AI-written documents without checking them first.

5. Grammar Tools Are OK

- Tools like spell check or grammar fixers are allowed.

6. Required Disclosures

- If AI writes something from scratch (like a memo or letter), you must say so.
 - Example: "This document was drafted in part using an AI tool and may contain errors. Please review for accuracy."

If AI just helps edit or summarize your own writing, no disclosure is needed—but you still have to review it.

7. What You Can Do

- Use AI to help with research, writing drafts, or editing.
- Search engines like Google or Edge now show AI summaries at the top of a search—but you must always check the original sources and not rely on the summary.

8. What You Can't Do

You can't use AI to:

- Make final decisions for the city
- Write or send official documents without human review
- Issue citations, permits, or enforcement actions
- Make policy decisions or analyze data without checking it yourself
- Handle hiring, firing, or private personal information
- Create anything related to race, gender, or other protected traits

9. Prohibited Use

In accordance with Section (d) of Act 848 of 2025, AI and automated decision tools shall not be used by city employees to:

1. Express a personal political opinion to an elected official unless within the scope of the employee's regular job duties or requested by an elected official or public entity;
2. Engage in lobbying an elected official on a personal opinion if the employee is not a registered lobbyist for the city;
3. Engage in illegal activities or activities otherwise prohibited by federal or state law;
4. Intentionally override or avoid the security and system integrity procedures for the city.

10. Privacy & Security

Never put private or personal info into an AI tool. Doing so breaks this policy and could lead to discipline.

This includes:

- No personally identifiable information (names, addresses, phone numbers, email addresses, Social Security numbers, Driver's License numbers, birth dates, etc.)
- No private financial information (bank accounts, debit/credit card numbers, etc.)
- No medical information (medical records, etc.)
- No private administrative information (login credentials, etc.)

11. Legal Rules

- Don't upload copyrighted material into AI tools.
- Follow all laws, including HIPAA, if applicable, and other privacy rules.

12. Mandatory Training Before Using AI

You must complete AI training before using any AI tools for city work or using city equipment.

- The Arkansas Municipal League's Ace Hub Module on Ethical AI Use meets this requirement and is free.

13. Violations

Breaking this policy can lead to:

- Disciplinary action
- Termination
- Legal consequences

If you suspect that someone violated this policy, report it to the Mayor or his/her designated representative.

14. Disciplinary Procedures

Violations of this policy may result in disciplinary action, up to and including termination. Each infraction shall be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

15. Acknowledgment

I acknowledge that I have read and understood the Artificial Intelligence Policy. I agree to follow all rules, responsibilities, and guidelines outlined in the policy, including the appropriate and ethical use of artificial intelligence tools. I understand that violations of this policy and/or failure to comply with this policy may result in disciplinary action, up to and including termination.

Signature

Date