



## CITY OF BANNING STAFF REPORT

**TO:** CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** Elizabeth Gibbs, City Manager

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**MEETING DATE:** June 9, 2026

**SUBJECT:** Consideration of Resolution 2026-87 the City of Banning Technology Disruption Policy and Resolution 2026-88 the City of Banning Public Outreach and Public Interpretation Assistance Practices in Accordance with SB 707

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### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt Resolution 2026-87 and Resolution 2026-88

### **BACKGROUND:**

On October 3, 2025, SB 707 was signed into law by Governor Gavin Newsom. SB 707 made significant modifications to the Brown Act. Some of the modifications became effective on January 1, 2026, while others become effective on July 1, 2026.

On or before July 1, 2026, the City Council must approve at a noticed public meeting, in open session, and not on the consent calendar, a policy regarding disruption of telephonic or internet service occurring during the meeting.

The policy must contain procedures for recessing and reconvening a meeting in the event of disruption and must specify the efforts that the eligible legislative body will make to attempt to restore the service for persons participating remotely. These requirements include recessing the open session and making a good faith attempt to restore the service disruption of telephonic or internet services that prevents the public from attending or observing the meeting.

The policy must also prohibit the legislative body from reconvening the open session of the meeting until at least one hour following the disruption, or until telephonic or internet service is restored, whichever is earlier. If telephonic or internet service cannot be restored, the eligible legislative body may reconvene the open session provided it adopts a finding by roll call vote confirming that good-faith efforts to restore the telephonic or internet service have been made in accordance with its SB 707 policy and the public interest in continuing the meeting outweighs the public interest in remote public access.

In addition, the City Council is required to publicize instruction on how to request interpretive services, although the City is not required to provide interpretive services, and to make reasonable efforts to provide public meeting information to groups that do not traditionally participate in public meetings, including, but not limited to, the following:

- Media organizations that provide news coverage in the City of Banning including media organizations that serve non-English-speaking communities.
- Good government, civil rights, civic engagement, neighborhood, and community group organizations, or other organizations that are active in the jurisdiction of the City of Banning.

**JUSTIFICATION:**

Adoption of these policies will ensure the City's compliance with Government Code 54953.4 related to disruption of telephonic or internet services during meetings and providing meeting information to groups that do not traditionally participate in meetings.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The fiscal impact of adopting the resolutions cannot be determined at this time. Actual costs will depend on employee participation.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. [CC Resolution No. 2026-87.docx](#)
2. [2026.06.09 Policy Re Technology Disruption - Banning.final.docx](#)
3. [2026.06.09 Resolution 2026-88\\_ Re Public Outreach.Banning.final.docx](#)