

Welcome

Raywood



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Since we last met...

We have learned ALOT!

And our mission remains the same...

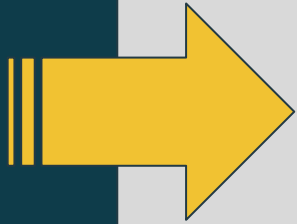
Getting the Incorporation of Raywood on an election ballot



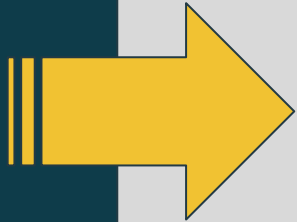
WHY should we
become a city?



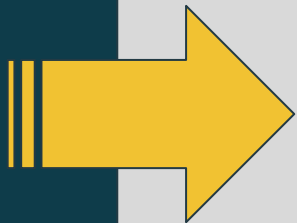
To have a voice in how to
manage the growth
Raywood is experiencing.



**To have local representation
through our own elected officials**



**To have control over the growth
coming to this area**



Adopt our own rules/regulations



HOW does
Raywood
become
a city?

THE PROCESS

Phase One!

Getting Started

Info from: Texas Municipal League, web/AI, county officials and other cities

1

Figure Out the Population

2

Determine City Boundaries
and Have a Survey Done

3

Residents Sign the Petition

4

Submit Information to County Judge for
Approval



Phase One!

POPULATION

1

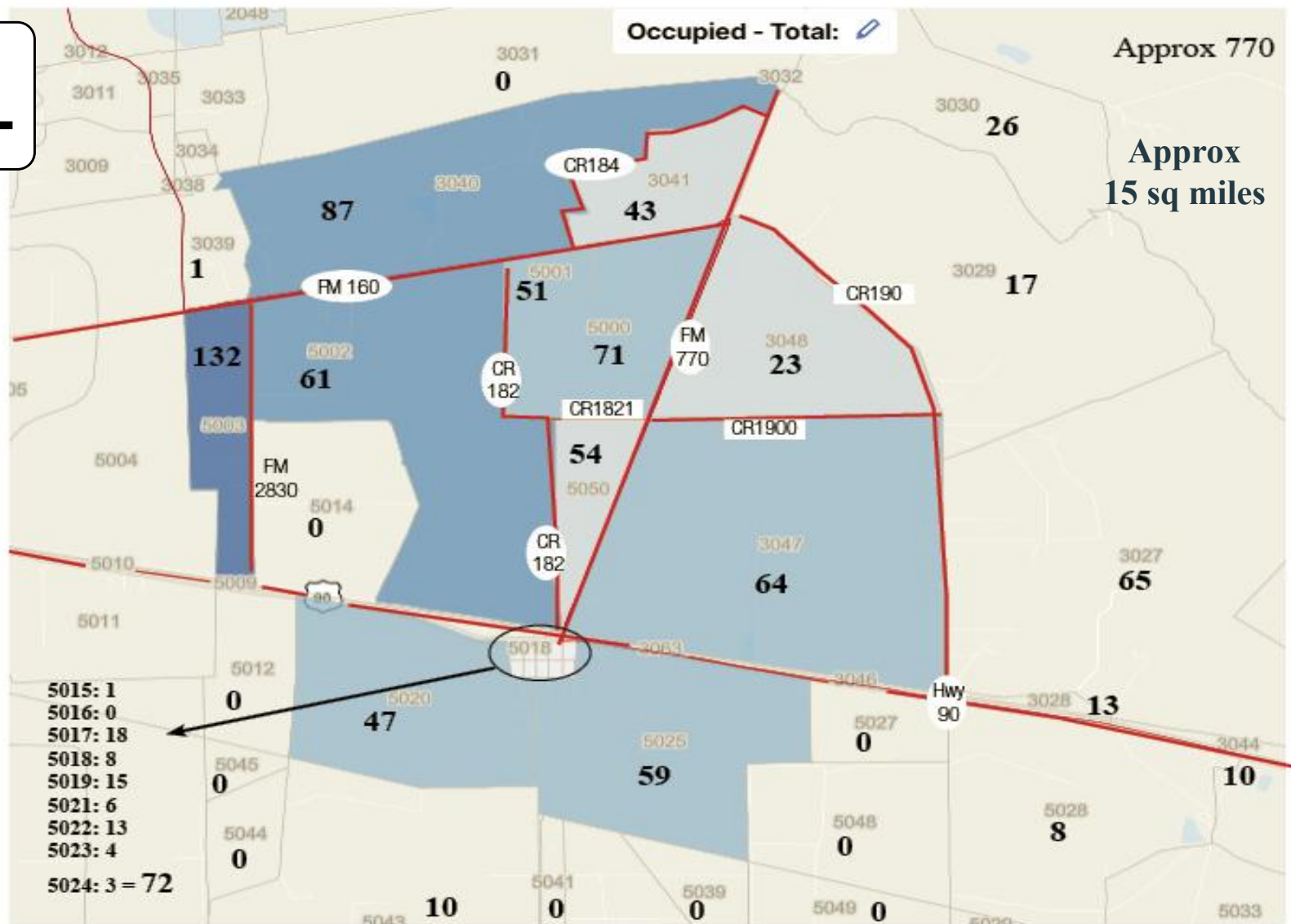


According to the 2020 Census, the Community of Raywood has around 750 to 800 residents.

"Town of Raywood" Zip Code 77582 has about 80-90 residents

The 2020 Census Numbers for the Raywood Community

1



Phase One!

BOUNDARIES

2

New cities with less than 2,000 residents can only have an initial territory of TWO SQUARE MILES.

The new city area must have at least 201 residents

Needs to include existing businesses

Should establish areas for future growth

Cannot encroach on another's city's territory

Must have a survey done

Phase One!

Two square miles

2



These maps are estimates of what the Raywood City Limits may be.

White space with yellow outline is Liberty City Limits

Red Outline is proposed Raywood at 2 sq. miles

The intention is to only give you an idea of the area we're considering.

Phase One!

Petition & Filing

3

Sign the Petition

Once population and SURVEY is submitted to county clerk, she will issue petitions.

At least 10% of the registered voters who live in the new proposed city limits must sign the petition.

4

Submit Info to County Judge

He then verifies that all criteria is met.

Once the incorporation is on the ballot, only registered voters in the proposed new city will vote.

Possible election dates: Nov 2026? May 2027? Nov 2027?

Who will run the city?



Raywood will have a MAYOR and TWO Commissioners.

A clerk, treasurer and tax assessor/collector will be appointed.



Candidates MUST be on the same ballot as the incorporation election.

Officers elected at the first election serve until the date of the first Regular election for municipal officers. Thereafter, they serve for 2-year terms.





What
about
the
rest
of us?

Phase Two!

How To Grow

ANNEXATION is how we will bring more residents into the new city of Raywood.

Cities can only annex property located in its Extra Territorial Jurisdiction (ETJ) – a ‘buffer’ zone around its city limits.

No city can annex property without the owner’s consent.

A city can also grow by purchasing land.

Phase Two!

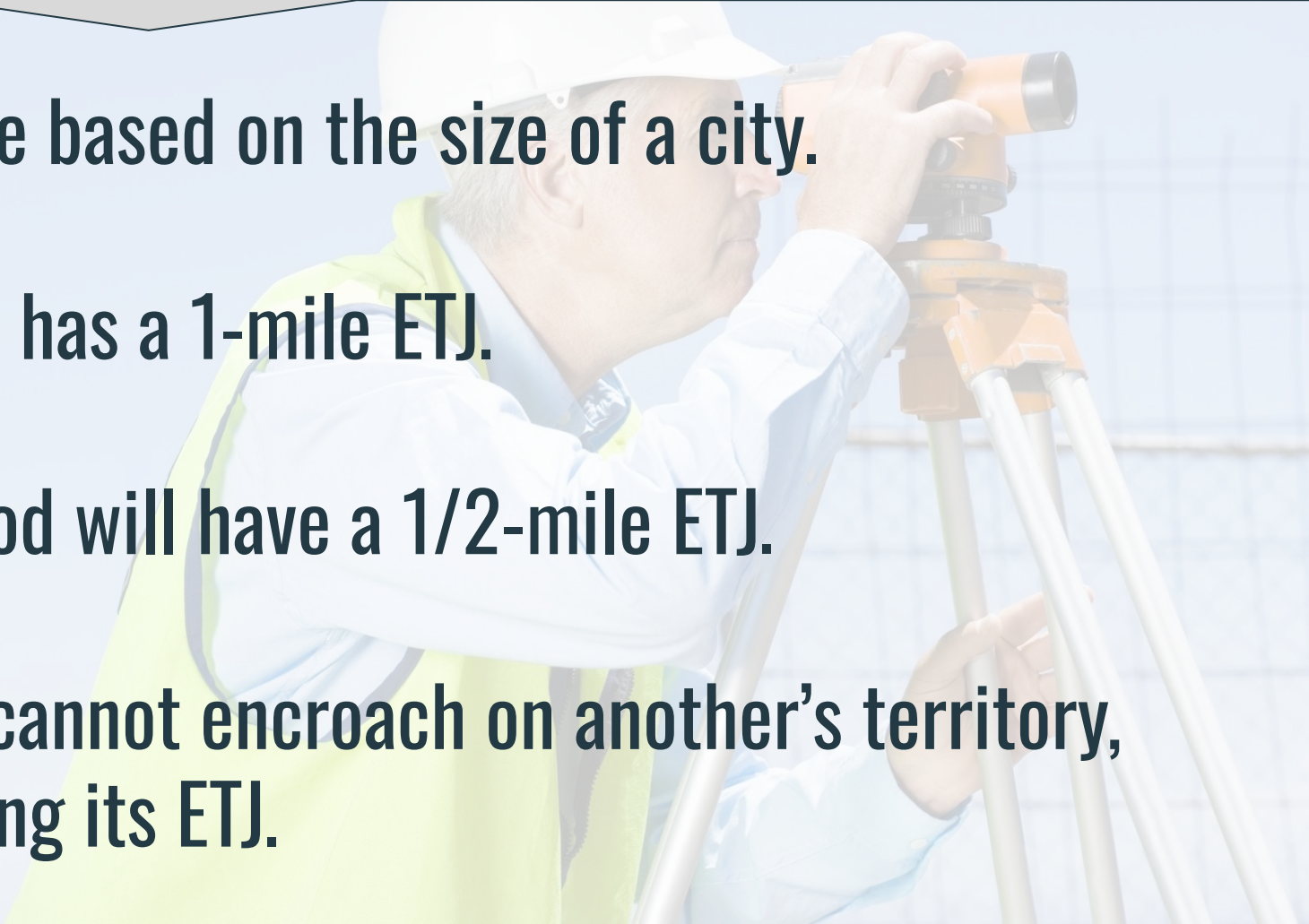
ANNEXATION

ETJs are based on the size of a city.

Liberty has a 1-mile ETJ.

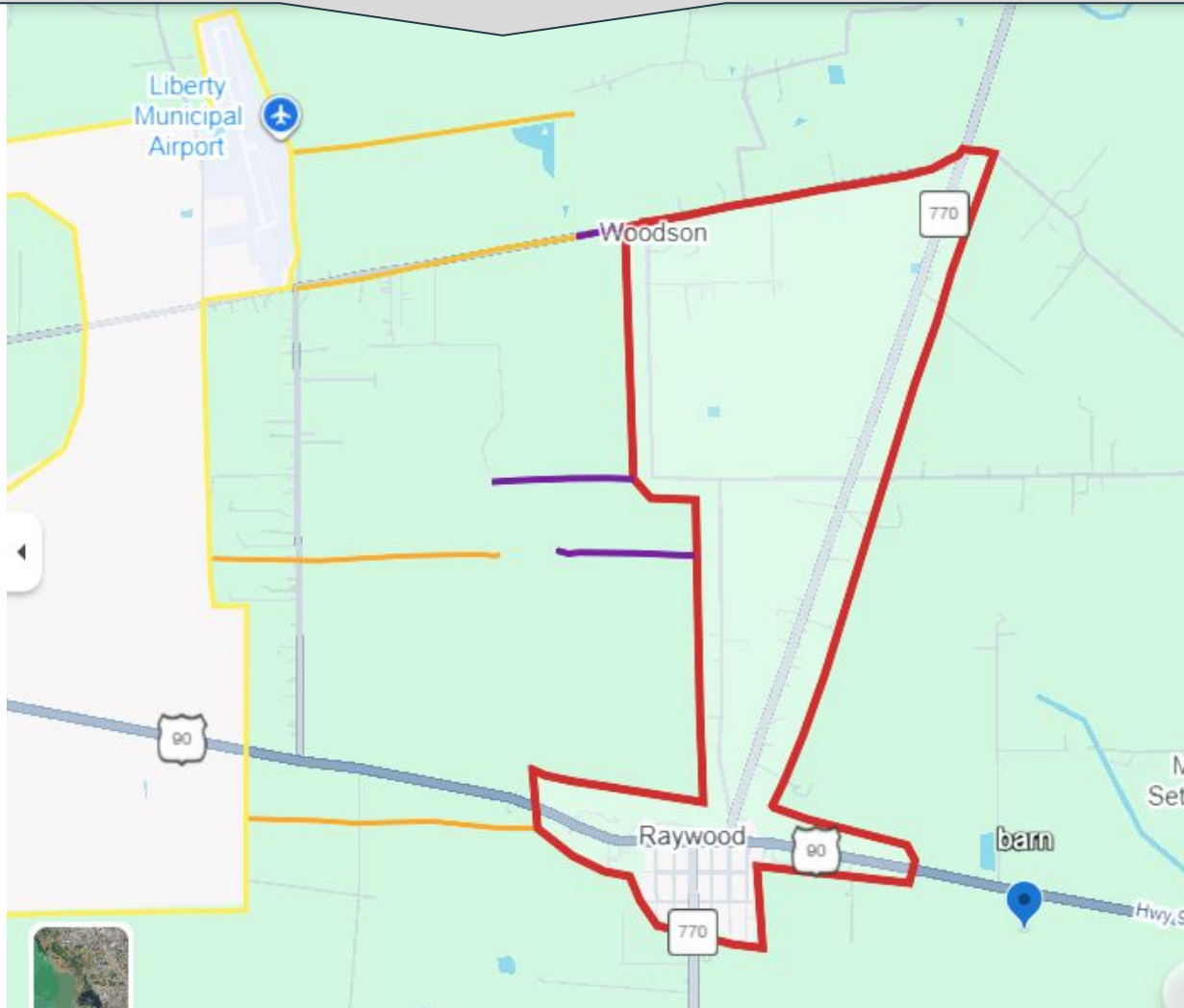
Raywood will have a 1/2-mile ETJ.

Cities cannot encroach on another's territory, including its ETJ.



Phase Two!

Liberty's Reach



The gold “fingers” show Liberty’s one-mile ETJ.

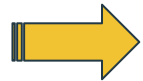
The purple “fingers” show Raywood’s half-mile ETJ.

So we can not grow further than that to the west, unless Liberty grants permission.

Phase Two!

ANNEXATION

THE TWO TYPES OF ANNEXATION



ANNEXATION BY PETITION (owner-initiated)

Those who want to join the new city of Raywood, can sign and submit a petition to the city who will vote to approve them.



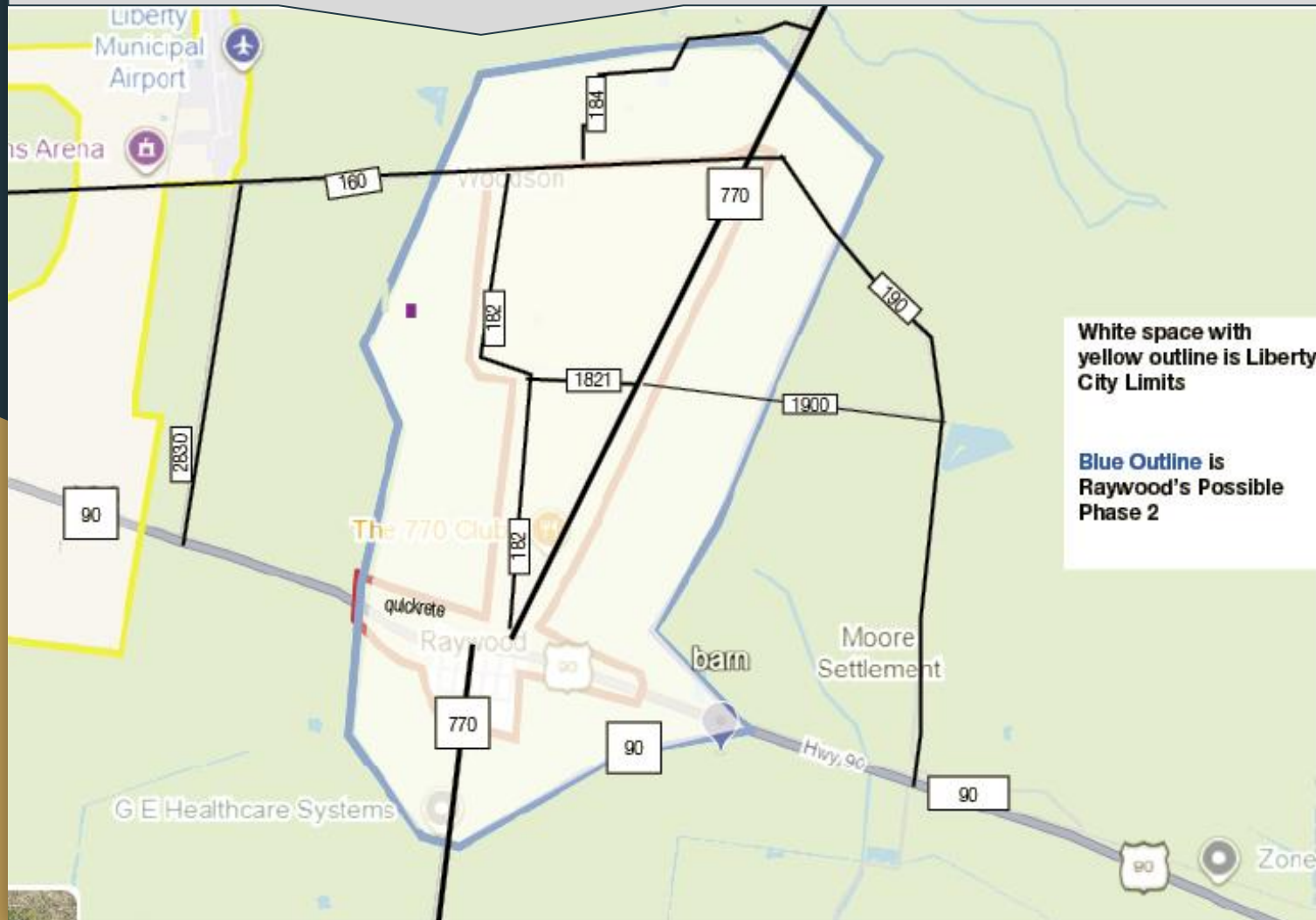
VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION (mutual agreement)

Either the property owner or the city may begin the conversation. The city officials will approve the agreement by ordinance.

Either process can take from 3 months to a year.

Phase Two!

JOIN RAYWOOD



This does not mean that the Raywood City Limit will look like this.

It just shows the area we can grow into.

Phase Three! And beyond....



So, if you are not in the initial two-square-mile city limit, just hang in there – you CAN join the City of Raywood... it just may take a little while. WE'LL BE HERE FOR YOU!

WHAT ELSE?



Raywood will be a Type C General Law City

Based on having between 201 - 5,000 residents



Property tax cap of about \$0.25 per \$100 of valuation

That's \$250/year if your home/property is valued at \$100,000



As a city, we will be eligible for state funding and federal grants for projects.

i.e., TX Community Development Block Grant, TX Dept of Agriculture, Parks & Wildlife and Historical Commission grants.

How can YOU help?

**Join Our
Team**

**Spread
The Word**

**Volunteer for our
Fundraising Activities**



But what we really
need right now is....
DONATIONS!



Maps & Surveys



Attorney Fees



Filing Fees



Operating Expenses



Estimated LOW END cost? \$30,000

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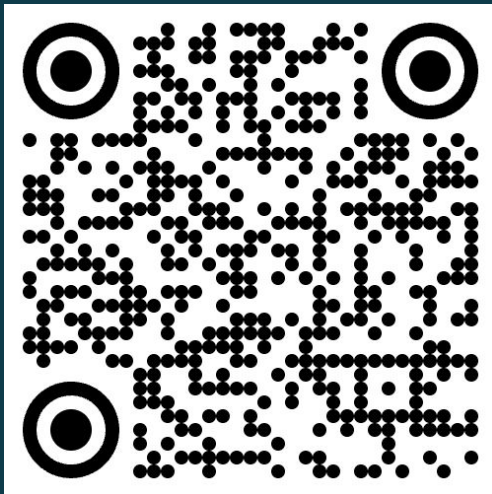
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