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GOVERNANCE DOCUMENT

Intellectual Property & Licensing Policy

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Purpose

Defines IP ownership and mission-aligned licensing standards.

Scope

Applies to software, content, data outputs, trademarks, and contributions.

License Selection Table

Asset Type	Default License	Rationale
Software	MIT	Public benefit interoperability
Content	CC BY 4.0	Attribution-based open dissemination
Data	CCo (where lawful)	Maximum reuse for civic value

Approved License Categories

Category	Status	Notes
Permissive	Approved	Preferred default
Weak copyleft	Conditional	Case review required
Strong copyleft	Restricted	Executive + legal review
Prohibited licenses	Disallowed	Not compatible with policy

Trademark

CivicOS Institute name and logo are protected organizational marks.

Contributor License Agreement

External contributors must execute CLA before contributions are accepted.

Third-Party Code

Dependency compliance checks required for license compatibility and attribution.

Enforcement and Compliance

Violations may trigger remediation, takedown, or legal escalation.

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Adoption and Signatures

Adopted by Board on: _____

Board Chair: _____

Date: _____

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