



Department Source: Police
To: City Council
From: City Manager & Staff
Council Meeting Date: September 16, 2024
Re: Law Enforcement Surveillance Oversight Ordinance

Executive Summary

Staff has prepared for Council consideration an ordinance that would govern the process by which the police department utilizes surveillance technology.

Discussion

In November of 2022, Council considered the purchase of the FUSUS technology platform. During the Council’s discussion a motion was made and seconded to direct staff to draft an ordinance in the spirit of the American Civil Liberties’ Union (ACLU) “Community Control Over Police Surveillance” model. The intent was for this ordinance to be brought back at the time the Council reconsidered the FUSUS program. The program was never brought back for Council consideration. At the request of the Police Department, the Council is currently considering the Flock Safety system, which involves the purchase and implementation of License Plate Readers (ALPR) as well as fixed site cameras. These cameras would be considered “surveillance technology” under the ACLU’s definition. In keeping with the Council’s direction, this draft ordinance is being presented in tandem with the Flock camera project.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: None
Long-Term Impact: None

Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

Strategic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Safe Neighborhoods, Secondary Impact: Not Applicable, Tertiary Impact: Tertiary

Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Not Applicable, Secondary Impact: Secondary, Tertiary Impact: Tertiary

Legislative History

Date	Action
N/A	N/A

Suggested Council Action

Should Council agree, staff recommends passage of the ordinance establishing a process by which the Police Department utilizes surveillance technology.