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COUNCIL BILL 2026- RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION

1 REQUESTING [TITLE TO BE FINALIZED WHEN DRAFT OF SECTIONS BELOW IS
2 COMPLETED].
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5 WHEREAS, Springfield City Council recently adopted a Public Safety Priority,
6 which states “Reimagine public safety to improve community trust, reduce offenses
7 impacting quality of life, and enhance operational efficiency through enforcement,
8 resource optimization, and strategic partnerships”; and
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10 WHEREAS, there has been national, state, and local pushback against the use
11 of automatic license plate reader (ALPR) cameras due in part to reported examples of
12 personal privacy violations, as well as internal and external misuse; and
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14 WHEREAS, Springfield City Council wishes to ensure that the current use of
15 ALPR cameras in the City of Springfield achieves an appropriate and community-
16 accepted balance between ensuring efficient public safety services within existing
17 personnel constraints, affirmation of community trust, and infringement of personal
18 privacy;
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20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
21 SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI, as follows, that:
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23 Section 1 – City Council hereby directs the City Manager’s office to conduct a
24 comprehensive review of all relevant contracts and Springfield Police Department
25 Standard Operating Guidelines, as well as any other relevant municipal policy, for
26 alignment with the recently adopted Public Safety Council Priority as it relates to usage
27 of ALPR cameras. The findings of such review shall be provided in a written report to
28 Council and include, at minimum, the following information:
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30 (1) Disclosure of the following as it relates to the data that is collected by ALPR
31 cameras:

- 32 • Any and all identifying characteristics which may be used to search for and/or
33 identify an individual vehicle, including but not limited to plate number, time,
34 location, vehicle make/model/color, direction of travel, and any other
35 metadata collected;

- A review of the ability and/or practice, either by City staff or other entities with access to City data resulting from ALPRs, to create movement histories, heat maps, repeat-location reports, or other pattern-of-life information.

(2) Disclosure of the following as it relates to accessing data collected by ALPR cameras:

- User types generally (excluding any personally-identifiable information) that may access, review, export, and/or share data resulting from ALPRs, including City staff, outside agencies, contractor staff, etc.;
- The type of data points that are recorded with each unique instance data resulting from ALPRs is accessed by these user types, including user ID, date, time purpose, case #, etc.;
- Policy and or/ processes related to auditing instances when data resulting from ALPRs is accessed to ensure compliance with relevant policy, including frequency and scope, and how the reviewer's independence from standard Department operations is ensured;
- Standards of evaluation for and disclosure of confirmed instances of misuse, either locally or by other parties who have access to data collected by ALPR cameras in the City of Springfield;
- Number of alleged and confirmed instances of misuse, either locally or by other parties who have access to data collected by ALPR cameras in the City of Springfield.

(3) Disclosure of the following as it relates to protections for data collected by ALPR cameras:

- Listing of all non-City entities with access to data collected by ALPR cameras in the City of Springfield, including through cloud-based access;
- Policies related to retention, deletion, and access-control;
- Certifications of security or compliance in data management, both by the City and its contractors, including but not limited to SOC 2 Type II, CJIS, ISO 27001, and/or equivalencies;
- Policies related to notification of user account compromise.

(4) Disclosure of the following as it relates to transparency in the City's use of ALPR cameras:

- Procurement documentation, contracts, policies, data-sharing agreements, and invoices;
- Quarterly reports documenting searches, alerts, outside-agency requests and access instances, and data exports, as well as misuse investigations and outcomes.

(5) Disclosure of ALPR camera utilization to enhance public safety, including but not limited to the following:

- Number of arrests directly resulting from ALPR cameras;

- Number of cases in which data from ALPR cameras is used to locate suspects materials witnesses, or individuals evading police, summarized by the types of charges in the case;
- Number of cases where data from ALPR cameras is used to refute testimony submitted from defendants and/or witnesses;
- Clearance rates for relevant categories of crimes before and after implementation of ALPR cameras.

(6) Disclosure of contract terms and costs related to ALPR cameras, including but not limited to:

- Expiration date of current contract, and terms of renewal;
- Terminations provisions, including but not limited to financial penalties for early termination;
- Acquisition, installation, and maintenance of cameras;
- Software and/or data subscriptions;
- Staff training and operations hours;
- Total cost to date and projected total costs for each of the next five years.

(7) Legal review of state and national judicial decisions, examples of other municipalities terminating similar agreements, and industry best practices regarding the appropriate utilization of and safeguards around ALPR cameras.

Section 2 – The written report shall be provided to City Council no later than **January 31, 2027** and shall include a presentation at a regularly-scheduled City Council meeting on or before **March 1, 2027**.

Section 3 – This Resolution shall be in effect immediately upon adoption.

Passed at meeting: _____

Mayor

Attest: _____, City Clerk

Filed as Resolution: _____

Approved as to form: _____, City Attorney

Approved for Council action: _____, City Manager