

RESOLUTION 243
SURVEILLANCE TECHNOLOGY USE REVIEW

WHEREAS, surveillance technology is becoming an increasingly common, supportive, and helpful mechanism for maintaining the public safety, peace, welfare; city operations, and

WHEREAS, these technologies include various types and sizes of cameras, internet surveillance programming, listening devices, phone monitoring systems and other technologies; and

WHEREAS, a number of academic studies, legal opinions, and scholarly reports have all cited the balance that must be struck between the use of surveillance technologies and the civil rights and liberties of U.S. citizens living in a free democratic society; and

WHEREAS, a number of studies have shown that surveillance technologies are developing faster than the laws to govern them, resulting in an imbalance between governance and the use of these technologies and causing several cities across the country to enact new and/or revised statutes to ensure the civil rights and liberties of its citizens while allowing lawful surveillance as a viable safety option.

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED the Board of Aldermen requests that the City's Chief Technology Officer compile a City of St. Louis Surveillance Technology Use Report and recommendations that detail surveillance technologies currently in use by the City with the exception of the airport including but not limited to the types of surveillance technologies in use, the intended outcomes of their use, impact the surveillance technologies have had on city operations and public safety, the frequency of their use, the numbers and types of surveillance devices deployed, future deployment plans, locations of surveillance technology throughout the city (except where revealing the location of specific devices would impugn the intended purpose and outcomes), list of community, state, and federal partner organizations that use surveillance technologies deployed by the City, who has access to the data collected how long the data is retained, what happens with data after the retention period, agreements that exist to share access to data or database used to store or collection information from surveillance technology, how the City responds to sunshine requests that pertain to the data. The report and recommendations shall also include any written policies and rules that govern the use of surveillance technologies citywide and by any specific departments, measures taken to secure data collected from unintended or unauthorized use or disclosure. The report should also include as assessment of the current use, recommendations for future use, future policies to be established, federal and state laws or regulations that will be considered as policies are developed, as well as known federal court decisions that will be incorporated regarding the use of surveillance technologies municipalities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this report be completed by September 16, 2019 and the Chief Technology Officer shall submit a copy to the Clerk of the Board of Aldermen and Chair of the Public Safety Committee.

Introduced on the 1st day of February, 2019 by:

The Honorable Terry Kennedy, Alderman 18th Ward

Adopted the 1st day of February, 2019 as attested by:

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