

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH TRANSPARENCY AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR POLICE TECHNOLOGY; TO ENHANCE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION INFORMATION ABOUT TECHNOLOGY DECISIONS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the Little Rock Board of Directors recognizes that the Little Rock Police Department maintains CALEA accreditation and associated professional standards for technology use; and,

WHEREAS, technologies have proven effective in solving crimes both locally and in high-profile cases across the nation, including identifying suspects in violent crimes, locating missing persons, and providing crucial evidence in criminal prosecutions; and,

WHEREAS, the Board supports transparency in government operations and informing the public about municipal decision-making; and,

WHEREAS, the Board finds that public trust in law enforcement is enhanced through transparency about technology capabilities and safeguards while recognizing the legitimate law enforcement benefits of these tools; and,

WHEREAS, existing LRPD policies and procedures provide foundational protections that can be enhanced through structured reporting and community engagement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CITY OF LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS:

Section 1. Public Discussion Requirements for Surveillance Technology.

(a) *Items Requiring Individual Board Consideration.* LRPD will continue to follow City of Little Rock procurement policies, including placing the following technology matters as separate agenda items to allow public discussion, and which may not be included on the consent agenda: (1) Technology acquisitions of \$50,000 or more require Board approval; (2) Multi-year surveillance technology service contracts exceeding \$50,000 total value require Board approval; (3) New data-sharing agreements with external agencies for data; (4) Grant applications for technology programs; (5) Policy changes significantly affecting technology deployment or use.

(b) City Manager Authority Preserved. Technology acquisitions under \$50,000 remain within City Manager procurement authority and are not subject to this ordinance.

1 (c) Emergency Procurement. Emergency acquisitions may proceed under existing procurement
2 policies with Board notification and public discussion at the next scheduled meeting.

3 (d) Existing Authority Preserved. This section supplements existing procurement requirements and
4 does not alter spending thresholds or emergency powers.

5 **Section 2. Technology Assessment Documentation.**

6 For technology investments requiring Board notification, LRPD shall provide:

7 (a) Technology Overview: (1) System capabilities and intended law enforcement applications; (2)
8 Integration with existing LRPD systems and CALEA standards; (3) Vendor information and contract terms;
9 (4) Total cost including implementation and annual operating expenses.

10 (b) Operational Framework: (1) Alignment with existing LRPD policies and procedures; (2)
11 Personnel training requirements; (3) CALEA compliance verification; (4) Data security and retention
12 protocols consistent with existing evidence management.

13 (c) Community Impact Consideration: (1) Public safety benefits and expected outcomes; (2)
14 Deployment protocols; (3) Existing oversight mechanisms and audit procedures.

15 **Section 3. Enhanced Transparency Reporting.**

16 (a) Annual Technology Report. By April 1 of each year, LRPD shall provide the Board with a
17 report including: (1) Inventory of technologies in active use; (2) Summary of technology effectiveness in
18 meeting public safety goals; (3) Overview of data management practices and CALEA compliance; (4) Total
19 annual technology costs and funding sources; (5) Summary of any significant policy updates or procedural
20 changes; (6) Summary of quarterly community meetings and other outreach activities.

21 (b) Public Availability. Annual reports shall be made available on the City website, with
22 appropriate redactions for ongoing investigations or security concerns.

23 **Section 4. Community Engagement.**

24 (a) Public Information Sessions. LRPD may conduct public information sessions to: (1) Explain
25 general capabilities of technologies; (2) Address community questions about privacy protections; (3)
26 Discuss public safety outcomes and effectiveness; (4) Clarify existing oversight and audit procedures.

27 (b) Board Presentations. Upon Board request, LRPD shall present information about specific
28 technologies or programs during regular Board meetings.

29 **Section 5. Internal Oversight Enhancement.**

30 (a) CALEA Compliance. All technology use shall remain subject to existing CALEA standards and
31 LRPD policy frameworks.

32 (b) Documentation Standards. LRPD shall maintain documentation demonstrating: (1) Compliance
33 with constitutional and statutory requirements; (2) Adherence to professional law enforcement standards;

(3) Proper training and authorization for technology use; (4) Regular review and updating of relevant policies.

(c) Audit Trail. Technology use shall be subject to existing LRPD audit and review procedures, with enhanced documentation for high-cost or high-impact systems.

Section 6. Data Management Principles.

(a) Professional Standards. Data collection, retention, and sharing shall conform to: (1) Constitutional requirements and applicable law; (2) CALEA standards and accreditation requirements; (3) Arkansas Rules of Criminal Procedure; (4) FBI Criminal Justice Information Services standards where applicable.

(b) Security Requirements. Data shall be protected through: (1) Access controls limiting data to authorized personnel; (2) Regular security audits and system updates; (3) Compliance with state and federal cybersecurity standards; (4) Appropriate classification and handling protocols.

Section 7. Operational Protections.

(a) Investigation Independence. This ordinance shall not: (1) Impede active criminal investigations; (2) Restrict court-authorized activities; (3) Limit officer safety equipment including body cameras; (4) Interfere with mutual aid or emergency response operations.

(b) Legal Compliance. All LRPD activities remain subject to existing constitutional, statutory, and regulatory requirements.

(c) Professional Discretion. The Chief of Police retains full authority over tactical and operational decisions within existing legal frameworks.

Section 8. Implementation and Review.

(a) Transition Period. LRPD shall have 120 days from the effective date to prepare initial technology inventory and reporting procedures.

(b) Policy Integration. This ordinance shall be referenced within LRPD policies that deal with use of technology.

(c) Three-Year Review. The Board may review this ordinance after three years to assess its effectiveness and make appropriate adjustments.

Section 9. Definitions.

For the purposes of this ordinance:

(a) "Municipal entity" means City of Little Rock departments and agencies.

(b) "Technology" means electronic systems primarily designed for law enforcement data collection, including automated license plate readers (ALPRs) and acoustic gunshot detection systems, but excluding: (1) Standard patrol vehicle equipment; (2) Officer body-worn cameras and dashboard cameras; (3) Routine

1 communication systems; (4) Basic facility security cameras; (5) Standard office and administrative
2 technology.

3 **Section 10. *Severability.*** In the event any title, section, paragraph, item, sentence, clause, phrase,
4 or word of this ordinance is declared or adjudged to be invalid or unconstitutional, such declaration or
5 adjudication shall not affect the remaining portions of the ordinance, which shall remain in full force and
6 effect as if the portion so declared or adjudged invalid or unconstitutional was not originally a part of the
7 ordinance.

8 **Section 11. *Repealer.*** All laws, ordinances, resolutions, or parts of the same, that are inconsistent
9 with the provisions of this ordinance, are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

10 **ADOPTED: December 2, 2025**

11 **ATTEST:**

APPROVED:

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14 **Allison Segars, City Clerk**

Frank Scott, Jr., Mayor

15 **APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:**

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18 **Thomas M. Carpenter, City Attorney**

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