



CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

In the Year Two Thousand and Twenty-Six

AN ORDINANCE

RELATIVE TO AUTOMATED LICENSE PLATE READERS ("ALPR") AND MASS LOCATION-TRACKING TECHNOLOGIES

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of New Bedford as follows:

SECTION 1. Article I of Chapter 2 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of New Bedford is hereby amended by inserting, after Section 2-12, the following:

Sec. 2-13. – Automated License Plate Readers and Mass Location-Tracking Technologies.

(A) Definitions.

For purposes of this section, the following words shall have the following meanings:

Automated License Plate Reader ("ALPR") any camera and associated software that automatically captures or processes an image of a license plate or searchable vehicle characteristics and creates a record that may be used to identify or locate a vehicle. The term does not include a device that detects only vehicle presence, count, speed, or traffic flow without retaining identifiable license plate information.

Mass Location-Tracking Technology any system whose primary purpose is to use automated identification or correlation to create a persistent or substantially comprehensive record of the movements of an identifiable person or vehicle across multiple locations or over time. The term does not include ordinary fixed security video, body-worn cameras, in-car video, traffic-signal or traffic-engineering systems, City fleet management, emergency communications, access-control systems, evidence-management systems, cybersecurity logs, or cameras used for facility, port, or event security, unless automated identification or persistent tracking functionality is enabled.

(B) Prohibition.

No City department, agency, board, commission, office, authority, or other municipal entity shall acquire, purchase, lease, license, renew, extend, expand, deploy, operate, or materially modify any ALPR system or Mass Location-Tracking Technology.



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No City department, agency, board, commission, office, authority, or other municipal entity shall enter into, renew, extend, amend, or otherwise continue any contract, subscription, license, memorandum of understanding, intergovernmental agreement, or other arrangement providing for the acquisition, operation, maintenance, expansion, or use of an ALPR system or Mass Location-Tracking Technology.

No City funds shall be appropriated, expended, or otherwise used for any purpose.

SECTION 2. Any provision of the Code of Ordinances of the City of New Bedford inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance is hereby superseded to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall take effect upon passage.