LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Administrative Code - Police Department Surveillance Technology Policy for Automatic License Plate Readers]

Ordinance amending and approving the Surveillance Technology Policy governing the use of Automatic License Plate Readers by the Police Department; and making the required findings in support of said approvals.

Existing Law

On July 27, 2021, the Board of Supervisors approved the Police Department's Surveillance Technology Policy for Automatic License Plate Readers ("ALPR") in Ordinance No. 116-21 and made the required findings.

Amendments to Current Law

The Police Department proposed amendments to the Surveillance Technology Policy for ALPR to (1) clarify that the Police Department will comply with California Civil Code Section 1798.90.55 and will not sell, share, or transfer ALPR information except as allowed by law; (2) update the file formats for ALPR data; (3) update the applicable Police Department policies regarding ALPR; (4) expand the sources of information that the Police Department is allowed to use to stop a vehicle that the ALPR alert system has identified; (5) expand the list of providers and sources of funds that may support and maintain the surveillance technology and associated data with ALPR; (6) update the data security safeguards from unauthorized access and control to also include Police Department vendors; and (7) allow the policy to be used for systems and technology outside of the traditional vehicle-mounted ALPR system to include stationary, semi-fixed, and smart phone or web applications.

Background Information

On September 21, 2023, Committee on Information Technology held a public hearing on the Police Department's Surveillance Technology Policy amendments for ALPR, which they considered and approved the proposed amendments.

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