



# San Francisco Office of the City Administrator

## Committee on Information Technology

# 2024 Annual Surveillance Reports

San Francisco Board of Supervisors, Rules Committee  
*(Per Admin Code Sec 19B.6)*

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# **19B Ordinance and Amendments**

**\* (SF Admin Code - Chapter 19B: Acquisition of Surveillance Technology)**

- **Chapter 19B (SF Ordinance 107.19)**
  - Established in 2019 by voters
  - Requires policies to be created for surveillance technologies used by city departments
- **December 2024 Amendments (SF Ordinance 284-24)**
  - Clarified 19B
  - Improved operational efficiencies for department and COIT staff
  - Streamlined processes to reduce time and costs
- **Annual Surveillance Reports (SF Ordinance 284-24)**
  - Allows departments to submit a single report for all surveillance technologies with BOS-approved policies
  - Removes the second submission requirement for report
  - Makes the report biannual

# Annual Surveillance Report (ASR) Overview

- COIT provides support to departments and tracks the progress and submission of Annual Surveillance Reports
- After all reports are submitted, COIT creates an aggregate summary of the reports to send to BOS
- ASR offers departments an opportunity to report:
  - Proposed changes to their policies
  - Violations that have occurred
  - Complaints received from the public
  - the overall effectiveness of the technology in achieving its stated purpose

# Annual Surveillance Report Summary

# **List of Annual Reports Being Submitted**

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**\* (SF Admin Code - Chapter 19B.6)**

- **Audio Recorders:** POL
- **Automated License Plate Readers (“ALPR”):** AIR, DPW, MTA, POL, REC
- **Biometric Processing Software and/or System:** JUV
- **Camera, Non-Security:** FIR, LIB, REC
- **Computer Time and Print Management System:** LIB
- **Drone:** FIR, DT, PRT, PUC, DPW, REC
- **Location Management System:** JUV
- **Radio Frequency Identification (“RFID”):** LIB
- **Security Cameras:** AAM, ADM-RED, AIR, ART, CSS, DEM, DHR, DPH, DT, FIR, HOM, HSA, LIB, MTA, PRT, PUC, REC, REG, RNT, WAR
- **Social Media Monitoring Technology:** HSA, LIB, REG
- **Third-Party Cameras:** AIR, POL, WAR

# Reports With No Changes

- Audio Recorders: POL
- Automated License Plate Readers (ALPR): AIR, DPW
- Biometric Processing and Software: JUV
- Camera, Non-Security: FIR
- Drones: DPW, DT, REC
- Location Management System: JUV
- Security Cameras: CSS, REG, DHR, HOM, DPH, DT, FIR, HSA, MTA (2 policies), RNT, WAR
- Social Media Monitoring Technology: REG, HSA
- Third-Party Security Cameras: AIR, POL, WAR

# Reports with Proposed Changes

- **Change in Authorized Job Titles**
  - ALPR: MTA, POL, REC
  - Camera, Non-Security: LIB, REC
  - Computer Time and Print Management System: LIB
  - Security Camera: DEM, PUC, REC
  - Social Media Monitoring Technology: LIB
- **Change in Technology (units added, replaced or ceased operation)**
  - Drone: FIR, PRT
  - RFID: LIB
  - Security Camera: AIR, ART, AAM, ADM, PRT, LIB
- **Change in Authorized Job Titles and Change in Technology (units added, replaced or ceased operation)**
  - Drone: PUC

# Reports with Violations, Complaints and/or Concerns

- **Security Camera: Department of Public Health**
  - Two Complaints: About camera placement in Alamo Square
  - One Concern: Requested specific information on locations, data capture and use, use of facial recognition technology, and inquiring about decision-making authority for camera deployment.



Thank you!

Questions?

# Appendix, Part 1

Abbreviation	Department Name	Abbreviation	Department Name
<b>AAM</b>	Asian Art Museum	<b>DPH</b>	Department of Public Health
<b>ADM</b>	City Administrator's Office	<b>DPW</b>	Department of Public Works
<b>AIR</b>	Airport	<b>DT</b>	Department of Technology
<b>ART</b>	Arts Commission	<b>FIR</b>	Fire Department
<b>CSS</b>	Child Support Services	<b>HOM</b>	Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing
<b>DEM</b>	Department of Emergency Services	<b>HSA</b>	Human Services Agency
<b>DHR</b>	Department of Human Resources	<b>JUV</b>	Juvenile Probation Department

# Appendix, Part 2

Abbreviation	Department Name	Abbreviation	Department Name
<b>LIB</b>	Public Library	<b>RNT</b>	Rent Board
<b>MTA</b>	Municipal Transportation Department	<b>WAR</b>	War Memorial
<b>POL</b>	Police Department	<b>BOS</b>	Board of Supervisors
<b>PRT</b>	Port	<b>COIT</b>	Committee on Information Technology
<b>PUC</b>	Public Utilities Commission		
<b>REC</b>	Recreation and Park Department		
<b>REG</b>	Department of Elections		