



# Committee on Information Technology

Office of the City Administrator

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To: Members of the Board of Supervisors

From: Carmen Chu, City Administrator

Jillian Johnson, Director, Committee of Information Technology

Date: May 18, 2021

Subject: Legislation introduced to approve Surveillance Technology Policy for Police Department use of non-City entity surveillance cameras

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In compliance with Section 19B of the City and County of San Francisco's Administrative Code, the City Administrator's Office is pleased to submit the Surveillance Technology Policy for the Police Department's use of non-City entity surveillance cameras.

To engage the public in discussion on the role of government surveillance, the Committee on Information Technology (COIT) and its subcommittee the Privacy and Surveillance Advisory Board (PSAB) held 4 public meetings between March and April to review and approve the policy. All details of these discussions are available at [sf.gov/coit](http://sf.gov/coit).

The following page provides greater detail on the review process for the Surveillance Technology Policy, and COIT's recommended course of action.

If you have questions on the review process please direct them to Jillian Johnson, Director of the Committee on Information Technology (COIT).

## Non-City Entity Surveillance Cameras

Department	Authorized Uses
Police Department	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Temporary live monitoring during an exigency as defined by San Francisco Administrative Code, Section 19B, or Significant Events with public safety concerns, or investigations relating to active misdemeanor and felony violations. Temporary live monitoring will cease, and the connection will be severed within 24 hours after the non-city entity has provided access to SFPD. SFPD shall not record live monitoring however, if misdemeanor or felony violations are observed, nothing in this policy ordinance prohibits SFPD from deferring to authorized use No. 2 or No. 3 of this section.</li> <li>2. Requesting, obtaining, and reviewing historical video footage for purposes of gathering evidence relevant to a criminal investigation.</li> <li>3. Requesting, obtaining, and reviewing historical video footage for purposes of gathering evidence relevant to an internal investigation regarding officer misconduct.</li> </ol>

Non-City Entity Surveillance Cameras Public Meeting Dates:

Date	Meeting
March 25, 2022	Privacy and Surveillance Advisory Board (PSAB)
March 31, 2022	Privacy and Surveillance Advisory Board (PSAB)
April 7, 2022	Committee on Information Technology (COIT)
April 21, 2022	Committee on Information Technology (COIT)

COIT recommends the following action be taken on the policy:

- Approve the Non-City Entity Cameras Surveillance Technology Policy for the Police Department.