



**CITY COUNCIL
ATLANTA, GEORGIA**

23-O-1402

AN ORDINANCE BY COUNCILMEMBER KEISHA SEAN WAITES AS SUBSTITUTED BY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE TO AMEND PART III (CODE OF ORDINANCES-LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE), APPENDIX B (ELECTRICAL CODE AMENDMENTS), CHAPTER 1 (ADMINISTRATION), TO CREATE A NEW SECTION 101.10 TO REQUIRE THE INSTALLATION OF INFRASTRUCTURE FOR EXTERIOR SECURITY CAMERAS IN CERTAIN BUILDINGS THROUGHOUT THE CITY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the Atlanta Police Department (APD), in partnership with the Atlanta Police Foundation, has established a video surveillance program in an effort to improve public safety, crime prevention, and emergency preparedness within the City of Atlanta by linking communications between the APD, the public, surrounding law enforcement jurisdictions, and private security forces; and

WHEREAS, APD's video surveillance program leverages cameras and license plate readers purchased and maintained by the City with existing camera infrastructure installed by private entities throughout the City, ensuring a comprehensive and robust network of cameras throughout the City of Atlanta; and

WHEREAS, the benefits of this program include real-time information sharing and availability to first responders, crime reduction in identified high crime areas, improved overall response times, and improved threat detection and/or attack prevention; and

WHEREAS, the Video Integration Center (VIC) allows APD officers to provide domain awareness for both public and private sector cameras using analytical software, allowing for close coordination with the City's Emergency 911 (E911) Center in order to respond to criminal and suspicious activities in a more timely and efficient manner; and

WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta is authorized to regulate and permit the construction of buildings and other structures within the City's jurisdiction pursuant to the City's authority to promote the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the City of Atlanta; and

WHEREAS, specifically, under the Georgia Constitution and state law, the City is authorized to amend its building code to address local public safety factors which "have a tendency to promote the public health, safety, morals, or general welfare", Ga. Const. Art. IX, § 2, ¶ III; OCGA Sec. 8-2-25(c)(1); City of Columbus v. Stubbs, 224 Ga. 362, 363 (1968); and


WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Atlanta City Council that the City of Atlanta Building Code should be amended in order to require building permit applicants to install the infrastructure which could support security cameras that could be integrated into the VIC; and

WHEREAS, specifically, it is in the best interests of the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the City of Atlanta to amend Part III, Appendix B, Chapter 1, to add a new Section 101.10 to require the

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installation of infrastructure for security cameras which could be integrated into the VIC in certain exterior areas of buildings within the City.

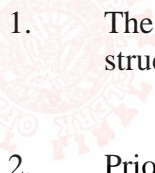
THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA HEREBY ORDAINS, as follows:

SECTION 1. That Part III, Appendix B, Chapter I, Section 101 of the City of Atlanta Code of Ordinances shall be amended to add a new section 101.10 entitled “Security Camera Integration Readiness Requirement for New Commercial Construction” and to include the following language:

101.10. - Security Camera Integration Readiness Requirement for New Commercial Construction.

(a) Definitions:

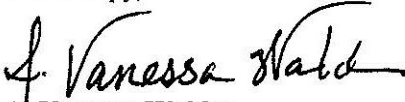
1. Integrable Security Camera System: An Integrable Security Camera System shall mean a video management system capable of producing a retrievable and identifiable image and that is able to connect to the City’s Video Integration Center.
 2. Integrable Security Camera Infrastructure:
 - i. The wiring, conductors, connectors, attachment plugs, and all other fittings, devices, power outlets, or apparatus installed specifically for the purpose of transferring energy between the premises wiring and the Integrable Security Camera System;
 - ii. Any cables needed to install a Integrable Security Camera System including coaxial cable, fiber-optic cable, ethernet cable, or other appropriate cable, if necessary; or
 - iii. Any fixtures or poles needed to mount the Integrable Security Camera System’s components.
 3. Ingress/Egress Points: Shall mean main access points for the public to enter and exit a building or structure including access points for vehicles entering and exiting parking garages.
- (b) All new construction, ~~or substantial renovations~~, of new occupancies of Assembly Group A buildings or structures (excluding places of religious worship), Business Group B buildings or structures, Institutional Group I buildings or structures, Mercantile Group M buildings or structures, Residential Group R buildings or structures, and Storage Group S buildings or structures (including S-2 parking garages associated with other new occupancies), as regulated by the International Building Code, and that are 100,000 square feet or more, are required to install Integrable Security Camera Infrastructure. The Integrable Security Camera Infrastructure shall be installed per this code provision including that:

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1. The Integrable Security Camera Infrastructure shall be installed on the exterior of the buildings or structures at Ingress/Egress Points; and
 2. Prior to a final inspection, or at an appropriate point in the permitting process as determined by the Office of Buildings, the property owner, or authorized agent, shall execute an affidavit affirming compliance with the requirements of this code provision. The Office of Buildings shall have the administrative authority to determine the scope and terms of the affidavit and shall include wireless or wi-fi capable connections as compliant with this code provision.
- (c) Nothing in this code provision shall require a building owner to connect a Integrable Security Camera System to the City's Video Integration Center however the Integrable Security Camera Infrastructure shall be installed to facilitate this connection should the building owner so choose.

SECTION 2. That all ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby waived to the extent of the conflict.

SECTION 3. That this ordinance shall become effective 90 days after its approval by the Mayor or after its approval by operation of law under Atlanta City Code Sec. 2-403.

A true copy,


A. Vanessa Waldon
Municipal Clerk

ADOPTED by the Atlanta City Council
APPROVED per City Charter Sec 2-403

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