

Amended Bill No. 4595, an Ordinance of the City of Wentzville, Missouri Adopting a New Section 250.020 of Chapter 250 of Title 2 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Wentzville, Missouri, Regulating the Manner of Installation and Use of Residential Surveillance Camera Systems Within the City

WHEREAS, the residents of the City of Wentzville have a reasonable expectation of privacy in the interior of their homes; and

WHEREAS, the installation of residential surveillance camera systems which are directed toward the windows of the homes of others impedes that reasonable expectation of privacy; and

WHEREAS, §79.110 RSMo. authorizes 4th class cities, including the City of Wentzville, to enact ordinances for the preservation of peace and good order; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen of the City of Wentzville finds that it is in the best interest of the City and its residents to regulate the manner of installation of residential surveillance camera systems so as to protect the reasonable expectation of privacy of its residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF WENTZVILLE, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: Title 2: Public Health, Safety, and Welfare; Chapter 250: Miscellaneous Regulations, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Wentzville, Missouri is hereby amended by the enactment of a new Section 250.020, to read as follows:

SECTION 250.020: RESIDENTIAL SURVEILLANCE CAMERA SYSTEM REGULATIONS

- (a) *Definitions.* The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this section, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this subsection, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:
- (1) *Residential surveillance camera system* means one or more video cameras and related equipment, not publicly owned, installed upon a residential property.
 - (2) *Residential property* is a property located on a street in which at least 50% of the block face consists of residential structures. The percentage shall be calculated on the basis of the number of primary structures present, not linear footage.
- (b) No residential surveillance camera system shall be installed or maintained where the camera is explicitly pointed directly at any window of a neighboring residence with the intent to capture picture(s), or video(s) of the inside of such neighboring residence.
- (c) Any violation of the provisions of this section shall be punishable under Section 100.090 of the Wentzville City Code.

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Section 2: All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 3: The Chapter, Article, Division, and/or Section assignments designated in this Ordinance may be revised and altered by the codification company servicing the City's Code of Ordinances upon supplementation of such code if, at the discretion of the editor, an alternative designation would be more reasonable. In adjusting such designations, the editor may also change other designations and numerical assignment of code sections to accommodate such changes.

Section 4: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its passage by the Board of Aldermen and approval by the Mayor.

READ TWO TIMES AND PASSED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF WENTZVILLE, MISSOURI THIS 12 DAY OF April, 2023.

Nickolas Guccione
Mayor, Nickolas Guccione

Attest:

Kathryn Bowman
City Clerk, Kathryn Bowman

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF WENTZVILLE, MISSOURI THIS 13 DAY OF April, 2023.

Nickolas Guccione
Mayor, Nickolas Guccione

Attest:

Kathryn Bowman
City Clerk, Kathryn Bowman

Approved as to Form:

[Signature]
Attorney

