

RESOLUTION TO END [MUNICIPALITY NAME]'S RELATIONSHIP WITH FLOCK SAFETY AND TO REQUIRE GUARDRAILS BE ADOPTED PRIOR TO ANY FUTURE USE OF AUTOMATIC LICENSE PLATE READERS

WHEREAS [MUNICIPALITY NAME] holds itself to the highest ethical and operational standards, which includes only doing business with highly reputable companies whose conduct reflects those same high standards;

WHEREAS since June 2025 over 55 municipalities throughout the United States have cancelled or refused to initiate contracts with the automatic license plate reader (“ALPR”) company Flock Safety (“Flock”) because of concerns about the company’s ethics, operational standard, and respect for privacy;

WHEREAS Flock frequently responds to valid criticisms about its methods, data security, and privacy protections as public relations issues to be rebutted rather than operational issues to be corrected;

WHEREAS Flock has misled its customers and the public in responding to legitimate concerns, such as responding to a concern about its ALPR data sharing with a federal agency by stating the agency had no “direct” access to Flock’s ALPR data, even though the company knew the agency had regular, indirect access to it;

WHEREAS Flock knowingly overstates the effectiveness of data access and security measures, such as stating that its requirement that all searches of Flock’s ALPR database include the purpose for the search prevents inappropriate and unauthorized uses, even though Flock knew its system regularly accepts vague descriptions such as “investigation” and has even accepted “hehehe” as a search justification;

WHEREAS Flock’s corporate model and marketing promotes the broad, nationwide sharing of local ALPR data, and even sends locally collected Flock ALPR data overseas, where it is no longer subject to the protections of American laws or the U.S. Constitution;

WHEREAS Flock’s default setting retains highly personal vehicle location data for an entire month, putting Flock’s corporate profits – which are increased by mass data retention and sharing – above the public’s interest in protecting individual privacy when a person is not suspected of committing a crime;

WHEREAS Flock operational methods are increasingly at odds with the interests of its own customers, such as its default contract provision that gives Flock a perpetual, royalty-free, unlimited license to use its customers' ALPR data, the elimination of previous Flock contract language stating that "Flock does not own and shall not sell Customer Data," and requiring its most recent customers to settle any disputes they have with Flock through arbitration governed by the laws of the State of Georgia; and

WHEREAS based on its previous conduct, Flock's reputation is so poor that even other large mass surveillance companies have terminated their relationships with Flock, as Amazon-owned Ring LLC, the maker of Ring video doorbells, did in February 2026.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that [MUNICIPALITY NAME] shall take all legally available steps to permanently terminate its contract with Flock at the earliest possible opportunity to do so, ideally within no more than four weeks of the adoption of this resolution; and be it further

RESOLVED, that all City agencies, entities, and employees shall immediately suspend using Flock cameras and databases; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Flock Safety shall be immediately directed to cease operating and remove all its ALPR hardware, including Flock cameras, related to its contract with the City, and that if such hardware is not removed within two weeks of the adoption of this resolution, the City shall remove the hardware itself and will invoice Flock for the cost of removal and storage; and be it further

RESOLVED, that [MUNICIPALITY NAME] shall not contract with any other ALPR provider until (1) it holds a public hearing to solicit public opinion on the use of ALPRs in the City and the sharing of ALPR data collected in the City, (2) determines if ALPRs shall be used by the City, and (3) adopts guardrails to govern the future use of ALPRs, if permitted, that include strict limits on ALPR use, data sharing, and data retention.