

**CITY OF NORTHAMPTON
MASSACHUSETTS**

In the Year Two Thousand and Seventeen

Upon the Recommendation of Councilors Ryan R. O'Donnell, William H. Dwight and Alisa F. Klein.

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AN ORDINANCE

ESTABLISHING RESTRICTIONS ON THE USE OF SURVEILLANCE TECHNOLOGY IN PUBLIC PLACES

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Northampton, in City Council assembled, as follows:

That Chapter 285: Streets, Sidewalks, and Public Property (Article III: Streets and Sidewalks Policies) of the Code of Ordinances be amended as follows:

§ 285-52 Surveillance technology.

- A. Definitions. For the purposes of this section:
1. "Public places" means streets, sidewalks, lots, parks, and the steps in front of City Hall.
 2. "Surveillance technology" means hardware or software that records and/or transmits the image, identity, movement or actions of individuals or vehicles in public places including but not limited to video cameras, license plate readers, and facial recognition systems.
- B. Prohibition. Within the Central Business District, surveillance technology shall not be deployed and/or operated in a fixed location for a period of more than one day on City property or property leased and/or controlled by the City.
- C. Exceptions. The prohibition shall not apply:
1. At the Police Station on Center Street.
 2. To security cameras that monitor parking structures, including the Police Station parking deck, so long as such cameras do not monitor public places outside of the parking structure.
 3. When the use of surveillance technology is temporary and the purpose is to prevent or mitigate imminent and serious risk to the public in emergency situations.
 4. When the use of surveillance technology is temporary and the purpose is in connection to a specific and time-limited criminal investigation.