

Clerk's Note: To correct an error, the Bill Effective Date of "August 8, 2022" was changed to "November 7, 2022".

Bill No. 14-22
Concerning: Police – Private Security
Camera Incentive Program -
Established
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COUNTY COUNCIL FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

Lead Sponsors: Councilmembers Rice and Katz and Council President Alborno
Co-Sponsor: Councilmembers Jawando, Navarro, Hucker, and Friedson

AN ACT to:

- (1) establish a private security camera incentive program within the Montgomery County Police Department;
- (2) specify eligibility rules and administrative requirements for the program; and
- (3) generally amend the law regarding policing and programs to support public security.

By adding
Montgomery County Code
Chapter 35, Police
Section 35-13C

Boldface	<i>Heading or defined term.</i>
<u>Underlining</u>	<i>Added to existing law by original bill.</i>
[Single boldface brackets]	<i>Deleted from existing law by original bill.</i>
<u>Double underlining</u>	<i>Added by amendment.</i>
[[Double boldface brackets]]	<i>Deleted from existing law or the bill by amendment.</i>
* * *	<i>Existing law unaffected by bill.</i>

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland approves the following Act:

Sec 1. Section 35-13C is added as follows:

35-13C. Private Security Camera Incentive Program.

(a) Definitions. In this Section, the following terms have the meanings indicated.

Chief means the Montgomery County Police Chief or the Chief's designee.

Department means the Montgomery County Police Department.

Priority area means one or more police districts identified and published by the Chief as needing additional security cameras based upon public safety indicators, including crime levels.

Program means the private security camera incentive program established under this Section.

Security camera means an outdoor surveillance camera system, with functioning digital video recording capability, that is installed on property owned or leased by an individual, business, or nonprofit organization.

(b) Program established. There is a private security camera incentive program within the Department.

(c) Criteria to receive a rebate or voucher. An owner or lessee of a property may qualify to receive a rebate or voucher under the program if:

- (1) the applicant is an individual, business, or nonprofit organization;
- (2) the property is located within a priority area;
- (3) the applicant agrees in writing that the security camera must not be used for the purpose of recording private property not owned by the applicant;

(4) if the applicant is a business or a non-profit organization, the applicant agrees in writing to post notice prominently to alert visitors of the existence of the security camera;

[[(3)] (5) the rebate or voucher is used solely to offset the costs of a security camera;

[[(4)] (6) the application is submitted in the form and manner prescribed by the Chief; and

[[(5)] (7) the security camera is purchased and installed after the effective date of this Section.

(d) Funding and limitations.

(1) The amount of a rebate or voucher under the program must not exceed the purchase cost of a security camera.

(2) Rebates and vouchers provided under the program are subject to appropriation.

(3) The Department may seek federal or state funding to support the program.

(e) Regulations. [[The]] Prior to implementation of the program, the Chief [[may]] must, in consultation with stakeholders including victims and racially and ethnically diverse residents, promulgate Method (2) regulations to implement the requirements of this Section. The regulations must address:

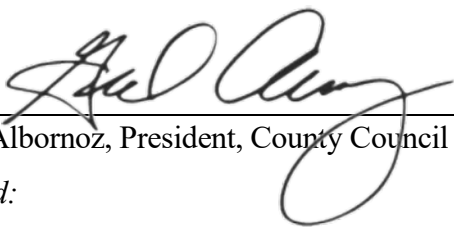
(1) the methodology used to identify a priority area;

(2) the permissible collection, dissemination, use, and disposal of images recorded by a security camera purchased under the program; and

50 (3) minimum standards for security cameras purchased under the
51 program.

52 (f) Annual report. The Chief must report to the Council annually regarding
53 the implementation of the program, including the number and amount of
54 rebates and vouchers awarded, and the efficacy of the program.

Approved:



7/28/2022

Gabriel Albornoz, President, County Council

Date

Approved:

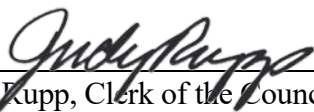


8/8/2022

Marc Elrich, County Executive

Date

This is a correct copy of Council action.



8/8/2022

Judy Kupp, Clerk of the Council

Date