



Prince George's County, Maryland

Inter-Office Memorandum

Office of Law

LEGISLATIVE COMMENT

DATE: January 31, 2023

TO: Jennifer Jenkins, Council Administrator

THRU: Nathaniel Tutt, Acting Director
HHSPS Committee

THRU: Rhonda L. Weaver, County Attorney

FROM: Robin Barnes-Shell, Associate County Attorney *RBS*

RE: CB-008-2023

The Office of Law has reviewed the above referenced bill as it was presented on January 30, 2023 and finds it to be in proper legislative form. The Office of Law sees no legal impediments to its adoption provided the following amendments are made prior to enactment:

- On page 2, line 7:
 - business as defined in County Code Section 10A-101(a)(4), or nonprofit organization.
 - This additional language is advised to clarify meaning of the term “business.” According to Section 10A-101(a)(4), “business” means any association, corporation, partnership, individual, sole proprietorship, joint stock company, joint venture, or any other legal entity through which business is conducted.
- On page 2, line 14-15:

- (3) the applicant agrees in writing that the security camera must not be used for the purpose of intentionally recording specific individuals conducting lawful activity [private property not owned by the applicant];
- This language is advised to provide clarification on the intended use of the security camera to assist the Department in crime prevention.
- On page 2, line 16:
 - (4) [if] the applicant is a business or a non-profit organization, the applicant agrees in writing
 - This deletion is recommended to avoid redundancy of “if” on line 11.
- On page 2, line 19-21:
 - [and] (7) the security camera is purchased and installed on the exterior of a building or structure on the property after the effective date of this Section[.]; and (8) the applicant registers the security camera with the Department.
 - This additional language is suggested to (1) clarify the camera must be installed or located on the exterior of a building or structure located on the property - if this is the intent of the bill, and (2) provide a mechanism for tracking and administering by the Department as part of the reporting requirements of the bill.
- On page 2, line 27:
 - stakeholders including victims and racially and ethnically diverse residents, promulgate [Method]
 - This deletion is advised to eliminate the word “Method” which is not defined and not needed to describe the regulations needed to implement the statute.
- On page 3, line 2:
 - (4) procedures for registering a security camera with the Department; (5) requirements for proof of purchase; and (6) maximum rebate and voucher amounts.
 - These additions provide further guidance for minimum requirements in the regulations.
- Recommend capitalizing the word “Program” throughout the document.

cc: Joseph C. Ruddy, Deputy County Attorney