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Resolution authorizing and instructing the Department of Innovation & Performance to publish and submit a report on Surveillance Technologies.

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it is essential to have an informed public discussion as early as possible about City's use of surveillance technology; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that strong consideration must being given to the impact surveillance technologies may have on civil rights and civil liberties, including those rights guaranteed by the First, Fourth, and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that, while surveillance technology may threaten the privacy of all of us, throughout history, surveillance efforts have been used to intimidate and oppress certain communities and groups more than others, including those that are defined by a common race, ethnicity, religion, national origin, income level, sexual orientation, or political perspective; and

WHEREAS, in order to have a transparent well-informed public debate, the public must understand, the technology used, its capabilities, how precisely it is used, how its data is preserved and protected, its acquisition and operational costs, and how potential adverse impacts on civil rights and civil liberties are prevented.

Now, therefore be it resolved by the Council of the City of Pittsburgh as follows:

Section 1 Surveillance Technology Report.

- (a) The Department of Innovation & Performance is hereby authorized and directed to publish and submit to the Mayor and the City Council a report on surveillance technologies acquired, funded, or used by the City.
- (b) Surveillance Technologies required to be included in the report shall include:
- (1) any electronic device, hardware, or software that is intended to collect, capture, record, retain, process, intercept, analyze, monitor, or share audio, visual, digital, location, thermal, biometric, behavioral, or similar information or communications specifically associated with, or capable of being associated with, any specific individual or group; or
 - (2) any system, device, or vehicle that is equipped with an electronic device, hardware, or software under paragraph (1).
 - (3) The following technologies:
 - (i) international mobile subscriber identity (IMSI) catchers and other cell site simulators;
 - (ii) automatic license plate readers;
 - (iii) electronic toll readers;
 - (iv) closed-circuit television cameras;
 - (v) biometric surveillance technology, including voice, iris, and gait-recognition software and databases;
 - (vi) mobile DNA capture technology;
 - (vii) gunshot detection and location hardware and services;
 - (viii) x-ray vans;
 - (ix) video and audio monitoring or recording technology, such as surveillance cameras, wide-angle cameras, and wearable body cameras;
 - (x) surveillance enabled or capable lightbulbs or light fixtures;
 - (xi) tools, including software and hardware, used to gain unauthorized access to a computer, computer service, or computer network;
 - (xii) social media monitoring software;
 - (xiii) through-the-wall radar or similar imaging technology;
 - (xiv) passive scanners of radio networks;

- (xv) long-range Bluetooth and other wireless-scanning devices;
- (xvi) radio-frequency I.D. (RFID) scanners;
- (xvii) software designed to integrate or analyze data from surveillance technology, including surveillance target tracking and predictive policing software; and
- (xviii) facial recognition technology.

(b) The report must contain:

- (1) a description of each type of surveillance technology acquired, funded, or used;
- (2) a summary of how each technology was used;
- (3) a general description of the geographic areas of the City where the surveillance technology was deployed;
- (4) a summary of complaints or concerns that were received about each surveillance technology;
- (5) the results of any internal audits regarding surveillance data;
- (6) any information about regulatory violations in connection with surveillance technologies, and the response to the violations;
- (7) an analysis of any discriminatory, disparate, and other adverse impacts of the use of the technology upon civil rights and civil liberties; and
- (8) total annual costs for the surveillance technology.

(c) The scope of this report shall be from January 1, 2020, to present time.

(d) This report shall be provided to the Council of the City of Pittsburgh by July 1st, 2026.

(e) Council shall hold a public hearing on the report filed.