

1 [Access to and retention of community safety camera recordings.]

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3 **Ordinance amending the San Francisco Administrative Code by amending Section 19.3**  
4 **to allow the Public Defender, other criminal defense attorneys and investigators, and**  
5 **the District Attorney to obtain community safety camera recordings for particular**  
6 **purposes; and amending Section 19.6 to specify the procedures for the Public**  
7 **Defender and other criminal defense attorneys and investigators to request community**  
8 **safety camera recordings and to require that the Department of Telecommunications**  
9 **and Information Services retain the recordings for at least 14 30 days but not more than**  
10 **21-30 days, and making specified unauthorized disclosures of the recordings a**  
11 **misdemeanor.**

12 Note: Additions are *single-underline italics Times New Roman*;  
13 deletions are *strikethrough italics Times New Roman*.  
14 Board amendment additions are double underlined.  
15 Board amendment deletions are ~~strikethrough normal~~.

16 Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:

17 Section 1. The San Francisco Administrative Code is hereby amended by amending  
18 Section 19.3, to read as follows:

19 **SEC. 19.3. LIMITATIONS ON COMMUNITY SAFETY CAMERAS.**

20 The City and County of San Francisco may install community safety cameras for the  
21 purpose of enhancing public security only in locations experiencing substantial crime and  
22 where the potential to deter criminal activity ~~outweighs~~ outweighs any concerns asserted by the  
23 affected community as determined by the Police Commission. The cameras shall record  
24 areas perceptible to the human eye from public streets and sidewalks only. Images obtained  
25 by the community safety cameras may be released only to the following:

1           (a) ~~s~~Sworn members of the San Francisco Police Department holding the rank of  
2 Inspector or higher ~~only~~. Police shall limit review of images to investigation of specific crimes;  
3 *and*

4           **(b) The Public Defender, other criminal defense attorney, or an investigator appointed by the**  
5 **Court to assist a pro se criminal defendant. Requests may be made only in connection with the**  
6 **investigation or defense of a charged criminal case. Any recordings released may be used only in**  
7 **connection with the charged criminal case. The requesting individual may disclose the recording**  
8 **only to the defendant and any expert retained by the requesting individual, and to no other**  
9 **individual. This Subsection (b) shall not preclude the requesting individual from disclosing any**  
10 **recording during a hearing or trial in the charged criminal case if the Court approves such**  
11 **disclosure. Any person who discloses a recording in violation of this Subsection (b) shall be**  
12 **deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and may be punished by a fine not exceeding \$1,000,**  
13 **imprisonment in the county jail for not more than six months, or both such fine and**  
14 **imprisonment; and**

15           **(c) The District Attorney as provided in Section 19.6.**

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17           Section 2. The San Francisco Administrative Code is hereby amended by amending  
18 Section 19.6, to read as follows:

19           **SEC. 19.6. PROTOCOLS FOR OVERSIGHT AND ACCESS TO SURVEILLANCE**  
20 **INFORMATION.**

21           (a) Access to the recorders for community safety cameras shall be limited to personnel  
22 from the DTIS for purposes of installation, repair, maintenance and upgrades, and to  
23 Custodian of Records staff from the *Emergency Communications* Department *of Emergency*  
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1 Management ("ECDDDEM"). ECDDDEM staff shall be responsible for proper release of the  
2 records.

3 (b) The camera recording devices shall be kept in secure areas with password  
4 protection for access.

5 (c)(1) Members of the Police Department may obtain copies of the recordings by  
6 presenting a written request to ECDDDEM. The request shall be submitted by an Inspector of  
7 the SFPD, and approved by a Captain or the Deputy Chief of Inspectors. In exigent  
8 circumstances only, ECDDDEM may release the information to an Inspector prior to receipt of a  
9 written request, but the Inspector must then provide a written justification for the release,  
10 including specification of the exigent circumstances. Within 7 days from the release under  
11 exigent circumstances, the SFPD Inspector must submit, in writing, the supervisor's and  
12 captain's approval of the Inspector's initial request.

13 (2) The Public Defender, other criminal defense attorney, or an investigator appointed by the  
14 Court to assist a pro se criminal defendant may submit a written request to obtain copies of the  
15 recordings to DEM. A copy of the request shall be delivered concurrently to the Office of the  
16 District Attorney. The request shall include the name and court number of the charged criminal case,  
17 the time and place of the recordings, and a declaration under penalty of perjury verifying that the  
18 request is made in connection with the investigation or defense of a charged criminal case and further  
19 declaring under penalty of perjury that the attorney or investigator will use any community safety  
20 camera recordings released by DEM only in connection with the charged criminal case. Upon  
21 receipt of the written request, DEM shall preserve for 180 days any recordings requested and  
22 deliver a copy of the recordings to the Office of the District Attorney. The District Attorney  
23 may review the recordings with members of the Police Department at the rank of Inspector or  
24 higher in determining whether to seek a Court order preventing disclosure. DEM shall deliver  
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1 to the requesting individual a copy of the recordings within 5 court days of the disclosure to  
2 the District Attorney, unless the District Attorney applies for a Court order to prevent  
3 disclosure of the recordings pursuant to existing law. If the District Attorney applies for a  
4 Court order to prevent disclosure, DEM shall not produce the recordings to the requesting  
5 individual until the court issues a decision regarding production.

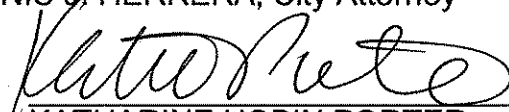
6 (d) *ECDDDEM* may only release records to agencies *or individuals* other than ~~the SFPD~~  
7 *those specified in section 19.3* pursuant to a court order. *ECDDDEM* must notify the Board of  
8 Supervisors within 7 days of any release pursuant to a court order.

9 (e) Under no circumstances may recordings from community safety cameras be used  
10 for personal purposes.

11 (f) DTIS shall ensure that the community safety cameras retain data for a period *of at*  
12 *least 30 days but not longer than ~~not to exceed 14~~ 30 days.*

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14 APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
15 DENNIS J. HERRERA, City Attorney

16 By:

  
17 KATHARINE HOBIN PORTER  
18 Deputy City Attorney  
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# City and County of San Francisco

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## Tails

### Ordinance

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**File Number:** 071536

**Date Passed:**

Ordinance amending the San Francisco Administrative Code by amending Section 19.3 to allow the Public Defender and other criminal defense attorneys, investigators and the District Attorney to obtain community safety camera recordings for particular purposes; and amending Section 19.6 to specify the procedures for the Public Defender and other criminal defense attorneys and investigators to request community safety camera recordings and to require that the Department of Telecommunications and Information Services retain the recordings for at least 30 days but not more than 30 days.

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January 8, 2008 Board of Supervisors — CONTINUED

Ayes: 11 - Alioto-Pier, Ammiano, Chu, Daly, Dufty, Elsbernd, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Mirkarimi, Peskin, Sandoval

January 15, 2008 Board of Supervisors — CONTINUED

Ayes: 11 - Alioto-Pier, Ammiano, Chu, Daly, Dufty, Elsbernd, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Mirkarimi, Peskin, Sandoval

January 29, 2008 Board of Supervisors — CONTINUED

Ayes: 11 - Alioto-Pier, Ammiano, Chu, Daly, Dufty, Elsbernd, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Mirkarimi, Peskin, Sandoval

February 12, 2008 Board of Supervisors — AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING SAME TITLE

Ayes: 11 - Alioto-Pier, Ammiano, Chu, Daly, Dufty, Elsbernd, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Mirkarimi, Peskin, Sandoval

February 12, 2008 Board of Supervisors — CONTINUED AS AMENDED

Ayes: 9 - Alioto-Pier, Ammiano, Daly, Dufty, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Mirkarimi, Peskin, Sandoval  
Noes: 2 - Chu, Elsbernd

February 26, 2008 Board of Supervisors — PASSED ON FIRST READING

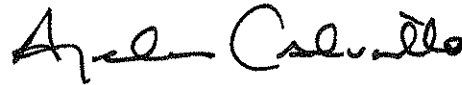
Ayes: 7 - Ammiano, Daly, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Mirkarimi, Peskin, Sandoval  
Noes: 3 - Alioto-Pier, Chu, Elsbernd  
Excused: 1 - Dufty

February 26, 2008 Board of Supervisors — PASSED ON FIRST READING AS AMENDED  
Ayes: 7 - Ammiano, Daly, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Mirkarimi, Peskin, Sandoval  
Noes: 2 - Chu, Elsbernd  
Absent: 1 - Alioto-Pier  
Excused: 1 - Dufty

March 4, 2008 Board of Supervisors — FINALLY PASSED  
Ayes: 8 - Ammiano, Daly, Dufty, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Mirkarimi, Peskin,  
Sandoval  
Noes: 3 - Alioto-Pier, Chu, Elsbernd

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance  
was FINALLY PASSED on March 4, 2008 by  
the Board of Supervisors of the City and  
County of San Francisco.



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Angela Calvillo  
Clerk of the Board

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Date Approved

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Mayor Gavin Newsom

Date: March 14, 2008

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, became effective without his approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter.

  
Clerk of the Board

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