

ORDER

WHEREAS, automatic license plate readers ("ALPRs") are electronic devices capable of recording data on or taking photographs of vehicles or their license plates and comparing such data and photographs to existing law enforcement databases for investigative purposes, and ALPR systems may collect and store such vehicle data in databases that can be readily accessed and shared; and

WHEREAS, Illinois law, including the Illinois TRUST Act and Section 2-130 of the Illinois Vehicle Code, restricts the use and sharing of State and local resources and ALPR information for federal immigration enforcement purposes; and

WHEREAS, in particular, Section 2-130 of the Illinois Vehicle Code prohibits an ALPR user from selling, sharing, allowing access to, or transferring ALPR information for purposes including investigating or enforcing laws that permit the detention or investigation of a person based on the person's immigration status, and imposes additional requirements concerning the sharing of ALPR information with out-of-state law enforcement agencies; and

WHEREAS, following reports that Texas law enforcement authorities used data from cameras located in Illinois in an effort to locate a woman who had reportedly self-administered an abortion, the Illinois Secretary of State conducted an audit in 2025 that found that multiple ALPR vendors, including Flock Safety, improperly allowed federal law enforcement agencies to access Illinois license plate data in violation of Illinois law; and

WHEREAS, the Chicago Police Department ("CPD") contracts with third-party vendors, including Vigilant Solutions, to operate ALPRs and provide database management services; and

WHEREAS, at a April 2026 Committee on Immigration and Refugee Rights subject matter hearing, Public Safety Administration leadership indicated that Vigilant Solutions and other surveillance technology companies enter into privacy agreements with the City; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO:

SECTION 1. In order to ensure the City is in compliance with the TRUST Act and Section 2-130 of the Illinois Vehicle Code, the Executive Director of the Public Safety Administration is hereby directed to conduct an audit of each City vendor that maintains, manages, or otherwise provides ALPR systems or ALPR information to the City to determine whether each applicable vendor is in compliance with its contractual data privacy provisions and with applicable Illinois law. The Executive Director shall work in coordination with any necessary City departments or sister agencies and with the full cooperation from such contractually funded City vendors that provide ALPR services to the City. The Executive Director shall deliver the audit to the Mayor and City Council and release a complete copy to the public by April 1, 2027.

SECTION 2. Within 30 days of the release of the audit, the Committee on Police & Fire and the Committee on Ethics and Government Oversight are hereby called upon to hold a joint committee hearing to review the findings of the audit and the City vendors' compliance with their contractual requirements and with applicable laws governing ALPR information.

SECTION 3. This order takes effect upon passage and approval.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matt J. Martin", with a horizontal line extending from the end of the signature.

Matthew J. Martin
Alderman, 47th Ward