

SCOTT COUNTY FISCAL COURT  
ORDINANCE NO. 22-17

**AN ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO LICENSE PLATE READER CAMERAS**

WHEREAS, the Scott County Fiscal Court ("Scott County") has approved the purchase of Flock Safety License Plate Reader ("LPR") cameras for use by the Scott County Sheriff's Office; and

WHEREAS, Scott County recognizes that there are legitimate and important law enforcement purposes for using these cameras; and

WHEREAS, Scott County recognizes that its citizens have important privacy rights; and

WHEREAS, having recognized these important interests, the members of the Scott County Fiscal Court desire to adopt an ordinance establishing guidelines for the use of LPR cameras in Scott County;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE SCOTT COUNTY FISCAL COURT AS FOLLOWS:**

1. It is the policy of the Scott County Fiscal Court to authorize the Scott County Sheriff's Office to utilize LPR technology to capture and store digital license plate data and images while recognizing the established privacy rights of the public.
2. The Scott County Sheriff's Office shall implement detailed policies and procedures regarding the operation and use of LPR technology to provide guidance for the capture, storage, and use of digital data obtained using LPR technology.
3. The Scott County Sheriff's Office may use LPR technology to help solve crimes and recover stolen vehicles by using LPR technology to capture computer-readable images of license plates, which will allow law enforcement agencies to compare plate numbers against those of stolen cars, cars driven by people suspected of being involved in criminal activities, missing persons, AMBER alerts, and assisting in criminal investigations. In doing so, the Sheriff's Office may use LPR technology to capture still images of the rear of a vehicle passing by the camera, including the license plate, make and model of the vehicle. The image may be collected and stored for 30 days and then deleted unless identified as part of a criminal investigation.

4. The use of LPR technology for traffic violation enforcement, revenue collection, or facial recognition is prohibited.
5. The use of LPR technology to capture images of pedestrians walking is prohibited.
6. All installation and maintenance of LPR equipment, as well as LPR data retention and access, shall be managed as determined by the Scott County Sheriff or designee. The Sheriff will assign a supervisor to administer the day-to-day operation of the LPR equipment and data.
7. The Sheriffs Office shall use LPR systems only for legitimate law enforcement and public safety purposes. Information gathered or collected, and records retained by department LPR system cameras will not be accessed or used for any purpose other than legitimate law enforcement or public safety purposes
8. The LPR administrator shall ensure that LPRs are not deployed or used to enforce the law in any discriminatory manner that is prohibited by the United States Constitution and laws, the Commonwealth of Kentucky Constitution and laws, or Scott County Ordinances.
9. Officers shall not use, or allow others to use, the LPR equipment or database records for any unauthorized purpose.
10. Except when done pursuant to a court order such as a search warrant, it is a violation of this ordinance to utilize the LPR to record license plates except those of vehicles that are exposed to public view (e.g., vehicles on a public road or street, or that are on private property but whose license plates are visible from a public road, street, or a place to which members of the public have access, such as the parking lot of a shop or other business establishment).
11. The LPR system shall not be used to harass and/or intimidate any individual or group.
12. The LPR system or associated scan files or hot lists shall not be used for any personal purpose.
13. This Ordinance shall become effective on the date of its passage.

First reading approved December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

Adopted upon second reading December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022

  
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JOE PAT COVINGTON  
SCOTT COUNTY JUDGE/EXECUTIVE

ATTESTED:

  
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STACY HAMILTON  
SCOTT FISCAL COURT CLERK