

## MAYOR AND COUNCIL

## **COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 2021-16**

## A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR A FISCAL YEAR 2022 CONGRESSIONALLY DIRECTED SPENDING REQUEST FOR OUTDOOR WIRELESS CAMERA NETWORK – DOVER POLICE DEPARTMENT

**WHEREAS**, to improve public safety throughout the city, the City of Dover has invested heavily in community policing resources, public works personnel, and technologies to improve the delivery of health and safety services. The city has determined that additional help is needed to create both the reality and perception of adequate health and safety so that Dover can realize its potential; and

**WHEREAS**, to make the City of Dover a safer and more efficient community and thus a very attractive location for residency, business and tourism, the City plans to implement a comprehensive outdoor wireless camera network throughout the city; and

**WHEREAS**, studies have shown in other cities that have wireless camera networks throughout strategic locations, the reports of criminal activity have decreased, as the cameras act as effective deterrents to potential criminal activity; and

**WHEREAS**, the camera package will include a total of forty camera clusters with 360-degree view. The first twenty will be located in community park areas, and twenty more will be located in other "at-risk" locations throughout the city; and

**WHEREAS**, the City's Police Department desires to implement a vendor supplied enhancement that provides access to cooperating public and private video source points. This process could include corporate partners, private residences, and other governmental camera locations throughout the city to bring additional system capability. This expanded network of camera locations will help identify demands for city services and help the Dover Police Department detect criminal activity more quickly; and

**WHEREAS**, the wireless camera locations throughout the City of Dover will provide real-time situational awareness to city officials charged with providing critical services. This group includes, but is not limited to: Public Works, Parks, Police, Electric and Sanitation. The city's public parks are especially vulnerable, as they are disproportionately visited by children and seniors for both recreation and exercise; and

**WHEREAS**, the Senate Appropriations Committee through a Fiscal Year 2022 Congressionally Directed Spending Request process, has made available funding for which the City of Dover and its Police Department can apply to aid in potentially funding this security equipment, which furthers the City's commitment to make Dover as safe as possible for its citizens and visitors, and help the city realize its full potential.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the City of Dover, Delaware, that the City Manager or his designee be authorized to submit a Fiscal Year 2022 Congressionally Directed Spending Request Application for the Police Department's Outdoor Wireless Camera Network.

ADOPTED: JUNE 14, 2021 SARESOLUTIONS-PROCLAMATIONS-TRIBUTES/2021/ADOPTED/RESOLUTION NO. 2021-16 (CORRECTION) OUTDOOR WIRELESS CAMERA NETWORK - DOVER PD - FOR SIGNATURE DOCX

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Actions History 06/14/2021 – Correction (Change to the number of cameras) – City Council 05/24/2021 – Introduction – City Council

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