HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL

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CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

ORDINANCE _____

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JUN 26 2026

PURSUANT TO ROH Sec. 1-2.4

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RELATING TO OVERT VIDEO MONITORING.

BE IT ORDAINED by the People of the City and County of Honolulu:

SECTION 1. Purpose. The purpose of this ordinance is to address overt video monitoring of public activity in the City and County of Honolulu.

SECTION 2. Section 2-32.1, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021, is amended by amending the definition of "Responsible City Official" to read as follows:

"***Responsible City Official.*** The chief with respect to the overt video monitoring of public activity from fixed locations to be implemented pursuant to § 2-32.3(a)(1), (2), and [~~(5),~~] (6); the director and chief engineer of facility maintenance with respect to the overt video monitoring of public activity from fixed locations to be implemented pursuant to § 2-32.3(a)(3)[~~,~~]; [~~and~~] the director of transportation services with respect to overt video monitoring of public activity from fixed locations to be implemented pursuant to § 2-32.3(a)(4)[~~,~~] and (5); and a city official designated by the council by resolution with respect to overt video monitoring of public activity from fixed locations to be implemented pursuant to § 2-32.3(a)(7). [~~For purposes of § 2-32.4, responsible city official means the chief or the head of any other city department or agency.~~]"

SECTION 3. Section 2-32.3, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021, is amended to read as follows:

"**§ 2-32.3 Authorization for certain overt video monitoring of public activity from fixed locations.**

(a) Overt video monitoring of public activity conducted by the city or under the sponsorship of the city from fixed locations is specifically authorized in the following areas and for the following purposes:

(1) In the Waikiki special district as defined in § 21-9.80-2 for the purposes of the general prevention and deterrence of criminal activity;

(2) In the Chinatown area for the purposes of the general prevention and deterrence of criminal activity;

(3) In and around public buildings or other facilities for the purposes of the general prevention and deterrence of criminal activity;

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(4) On streets or roads under the jurisdiction of the city for the purposes of facilitating the efficient flow of traffic;

(5) In and around the city rail system for the purposes of the general prevention and deterrence of criminal activity;

[~~(5)~~] (6) On streets or roads under the jurisdiction of the city for the purposes of detecting, investigating, preventing, or deterring traffic violations; and

[~~(6)~~] (7) In such other areas or for such other purposes as are designated by the council, by resolution, following the holding of a public hearing at which members of the public may express their views on the proposed monitoring and the proposed general area where the monitoring shall take place, notice of which public hearing shall have been given to the public at least 10 days in advance of the public hearing in a publication meeting the State's requirements for the publication of public notice. In the resolution, the council shall designate a responsible city official for the designated areas or purposes.

(b) In implementing overt video monitoring of public activity authorized by subsection (a), the responsible city official shall act in accordance with the following standards and guidelines.

(1) The overt video monitoring of public activity authorized by subsections (a)(1) and (2) shall be conducted in partnership with the affected communities. To the extent practicable, the overt video monitoring of public activity in these areas shall be conducted by community volunteers.

(2) Cameras may use telescopic, zoom, panoramic, illumination, pan, tilt, and rotate capabilities.

(3) Cameras shall be installed in such a manner that they are not likely to view a private activity, condition, or location.

(4) All individuals conducting or supervising video monitoring shall receive training and written instructions in the proper operation of the video monitoring equipment and the applicable requirements of this article.

(5) Before initiating overt video monitoring of public activity in any area or public building or other facility, the responsible city official shall publish or

cause to be published a notice of such monitoring in a newspaper of general circulation in the city at least 10 days before implementation of such monitoring. The notice shall include a general description of the area or building to be monitored, the general location of the cameras, the general capability of the cameras, and a statement that the public may submit written comments to the council and the responsible city official relating to the monitoring. Before materially changing the location of any camera, changing the general capability of cameras, or with respect to the overt video monitoring of public activity authorized by subsections (a)(1) and (2), terminating the video monitoring on a permanent basis, the responsible city official shall publish or cause to be published a notice of such change in a newspaper of general circulation in the city at least 10 days before implementing such change, with a statement that the public may submit written comments to the council and the responsible city official relating to the monitoring.

(6) The responsible city official shall post or cause to be posted a reasonable number of signs in the affected area or in or around the public building or other facility advising the public that the area or public building or other facility is subject to video monitoring of public activity; provided that such signs shall not be required for video monitoring conducted pursuant to subsections (a)(4) and [~~(5).~~] (6).

(7) The responsible city official may, at any time, discontinue the overt video monitoring of public activity, including but not limited to discontinuation during certain hours of the day or days of the week and discontinuation for purposes of maintenance and repair, or where there are not an adequate number of community volunteers or city personnel to conduct such monitoring.

(8) The responsible city official shall provide an annual report to the council on activities relating to the overt video monitoring of public activity under this section no later than January 15 of each year."

SECTION 4. Ordinance material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken. New material is underscored. When revising, compiling, or printing this ordinance for inclusion in the Revised Ordinances of Honolulu, the Revisor of Ordinances need not include the brackets, the materials that has been bracketed and stricken, or the underscoring.

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SECTION 5. This ordinance takes effect upon its approval.

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APPROVED this _____day of _____, 20 ___.

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