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ORDINANCE # 967

An ordinance prohibiting automatic license plate readers in the city

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF OBERLIN,

- Section 1. "Automatic License Plate Reader (ALPR) system" shall mean a system, software, or computer algorithm, whether used independently or in combination with one or more mobile or fixed automated cameras, that is used to convert images of license plates, vehicle characteristics, vehicle occupants, or any peripheral images into computerreadable data.
- Section 2. Automatic License Plate Readers shall be prohibited in the city limits of the City of Oberlin.
- Section 3. Any existing ALPR systems shall be removed from city owned property not later than October 1 2026.
- Section 4. Any person, firm or entity violating the provisions of this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and may be punished by up to one year in jail or fined up to \$2500 or by both fine and imprisonment.
- Section 5. This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its publication in the official city newspaper.

Passed by the Council and approved by the Mayor on this 20th day of August, 2026.

Megan Ketterl
City Clerk Megan Ketterl



Chris Kaiser
Mayor Chris Kaiser