

TOWN COUNCIL

STAFF REPORT Police Department



MEETING DATE:	September 10, 2024
PROJECT:	Approval to Authorize an Agreement with Flock Safety for Phase 1 of the New Camera Purchase and Integration Plan (Fiscal Impact – \$163,550.00 and Annual Recurring Costs \$74,500.00)
PROJECT MANAGER:	Joseph Babkiewicz, Chief of Police

REQUEST: Town Staff requests Town Council to authorize the Town Manager to execute a contract with Flock Safety to begin Phase 1 of the new camera purchase and integration plan. The total contract amount is within the approved budget limits established with the Adopted Consolidated Municipal Budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 and illustrated on the attached Data Sheet (Attachment 3).

BACKGROUND: In June 2024, Town Council approved the purchase of Town cameras through Flock Safety. The total amount approved was for Phase 1 of the camera expansion project. The total amount is \$163,550.00. The upgrade and expansion of cameras used for public safety is included in the Town Strategic Plan for FY 2025-26.

NEXT STEPS: Staff will send the executed contract to Flock Safety. Once the camera installation timeline is established, staff will alert Council with the proposed dates.

SUMMARY: Flock cameras will provide officers with additional resources in helping solve and prevent crime from occurring. The new cameras will expand across the Town and be placed in locations where there is currently no coverage. Town Council approved the purchase of Flock cameras for the FY 2025 Budget. The upgrade and expansion of cameras used for public safety is in line with the Town of Bluffton Strategic Plan for FY 2025-26.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Presentation for Council
2. Draft Contract for Phase 1
3. Camera Presentation
4. Suggested Motion