

	CITY OF JONESBORO, GEORGIA COUNCIL Agenda Item Summary		COUNCIL MEETING DATE: October 5, 2026
Requesting Agency (Initiator): Jonesboro City Council		Sponsor(s): Councilwoman Chelsey Curney	
Item Title:	Council to consider approving the adoption of a Resolution Adopting a Surveillance, Video and Audio Monitoring Policy		
Policy. The proposed policy establishes standards for the City's use of security and surveillance systems. It permits their use for public safety, facility security, investigations and other legitimate governmental purposes while prohibiting personal, political, retaliatory and other unauthorized monitoring. Scope. The policy covers systems used for security or surveillance of City facilities or property, including fixed cameras used for ordinary security in the building shared by City Hall and the Police Department. Police operational systems, emergency communications and recordings of public meetings or Municipal Court proceedings remain subject to the laws and specialized procedures applicable to those activities. The policy's specified restrictions on misuse, unauthorized disclosure and credential sharing also extend to City personnel using excluded City systems. Controls and Accountability. The policy limits access according to governmental need, addresses access by elected officials within their Charter responsibilities and imposes heightened controls on audio surveillance. It calls for individual credentials where feasible, audit logs, documented exports, procedures for responding to Open Records Act requests and Retention schedule. An Open Records Act request permits retrieval and review of existing responsive recordings; it does not authorize new recording or live or covert monitoring. Implementation. The policy calls for an access review and initial implementation within sixty days of adoption. The City Manager coordinates implementation, the Information Technology Consultant performs technical tasks within the City's agreement and the Police Chief is consulted concerning covered systems operated by the Police Department in the shared building. The City Manager must provide an annual report to the Mayor and Council.			
Requirement for Board Action: Approve the accompanying resolution adopting the attached Surveillance, Video and Audio Monitoring Policy attached as Exhibit A.			
Is this Item Goal Related? Yes			
Fiscal Impact: N/A			
Exhibits Attached: Yes. Resolution and Surveillance, Video and Audio Monitoring Policy.			
Staff Recommendation: N/A			
FOLLOW-UP APPROVAL ACTION (Completed by City Clerk)			
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Signature	City Clerk's Office		