

STATE OF LOUISIANA
CITY OF WEST MONROE

ORDINANCE NO. _____

MOTION BY: _____

SECONDED BY: _____

AN ORDINANCE TO ENACT SECTION 11-3001.1 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF WEST MONROE, LOUISIANA, TO CREATE THE CRIME OF VANDALIZING, TAMPERING WITH, OR DESTROYING A CRIME CAMERA SYSTEM; TO PROVIDE FOR DEFINITIONS; TO PROVIDE FOR PENALTIES; AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of West Monroe, Louisiana, in regular and legal session convened, that Section 11-3001.1 of the Code of Ordinances, City of West Monroe, Louisiana, is hereby enacted, to read as follows:

“Sec. 11-3001.1. Vandalizing, tampering with, or destroying a crime camera system

- A. It shall be unlawful for any person to intentionally vandalize, tamper with, or destroy a crime camera system by any of the following:
- (1) Causing functional or cosmetic damage to the system.
 - (2) Adjusting or modifying the location, position, aim, focus or functionality of the system.
 - (3) Tampering with the performance, functions, or features of the system.
 - (4) Rendering the system temporarily or permanently inoperable.
- B. For the purposes of this Section, a "crime camera system" includes any camera or license plate reader erected or installed for the purpose of observing or deterring illegal activity as well as any lights, mounting poles or brackets, actuator motors, computer control boards, connection interfaces, signage, software, protective housing, lenses, power supply systems, recording or battery backups, microphones, data connectivity hardware, or other component parts or ancillary equipment necessary for proper functionality and operation.
- C. Whoever violates the provisions of Subsection A of this Section shall be imprisoned for not more than six months, or may be fined not more than five hundred dollars, or both.”

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of West Monroe, Louisiana, in regular and legal session convened, that if any provisions or sections of this ordinance are held invalid, such invalidity should not affect the other provisions or sections of this ordinance which can be given in effect without the invalid provisions or sections, and to this end the provisions and sections of this ordinance are hereby declared severable;

The above Ordinance was read and considered by Sections at a public meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, in regular and legal session convened, voted on by yea or nay vote, passed and adopted the 6th day of August, 2024, the final vote being as follows:

YEA: _____

NAY: _____

NOT VOTING: _____

ABSENT: _____

ATTEST:

APPROVED THIS 6TH DAY OF
AUGUST, 2024

CINDY EMORY, CITY CLERK
CITY OF WEST MONROE
STATE OF LOUISIANA

STACI ALBRITTON MITCHELL, MAYOR
CITY OF WEST MONROE
STATE OF LOUISIANA