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Memorandum

To: Common Council Members

From: Mayor Kerry Thomson

Date: April 15, 2026

Subject: Flock Contract Non-Renewal and Interim Safeguards

Members of the Council,

Attached to this message is Chief Diekhoff's report on Flock camera usage in Bloomington. Over the last several weeks, I have met with Flock representatives, residents, members of our investigative team, leadership at the Bloomington Police Department, and community leaders to hear input on the use of Flock in our community.

Concerns for civil liberties are real and must be protected. The safety of our community must also be protected, and finding a line with this technology that secures both requires diligence, transparency, and enforceable safeguards. The goal is not simply to deploy technology, but to ensure it is governed in a way that earns and maintains public trust.

The City's contract for Flock LPR services reached the end of its term on March 5, 2026. Following our review, we have decided not to renew the contract.

The system is expected to remain temporarily active during the transition period, including through Little 500-related public safety operations. During this interim, the City is implementing immediate operating restrictions and oversight measures.

As Bloomington transitions away from Flock, we will evaluate replacement technologies and providers that better balance safety, privacy, and public trust.

During this interim period, I am directing the following immediate safeguards:

1. Outside data sharing from Bloomington Flock cameras will end. Data will be available for BPD use only, and BPD cameras will "go dark" on the network maps—other municipalities, state police, and any other agencies will not be able to see our cameras as part of the network, nor query them.
2. BPD will operate under the strictest query protocols, including internal audits every 30 days, with those audits made available to the Board of Public Safety and the Office of the Mayor. No queries may include searches related to reproductive health, immigration status, or gender identity or sexual orientation, whether directly or through proxy indicators.
3. Audit reviews will screen for misuse, phishing, unauthorized access attempts, and potential data breaches, and will include query logs, justification codes, and supervisory approvals.
4. If any federal or state action mandates release or sharing of data, the City will respond immediately to the extent legally permissible, including data deletion, operational suspension, legal review, and

Council guidance as appropriate.

5. No new Flock LPRs will be installed.

I look forward to working with the Council on an ordinance that protects the safety of our public and protects the civil liberties of our residents.

These measures are intended to establish clear limits, strong oversight, and responsible controls during this period. Public trust requires nothing less.

Respectfully submitted,

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