



Legislation Text

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CITY OF SEATTLE

ORDINANCE _____

COUNCIL BILL _____

AN ORDINANCE relating to surveillance technology implementation; authorizing approval of uses and accepting the 2022 surveillance impact report and 2022 executive overview for the Seattle Police Department's use of Remotely Operated Vehicles.

WHEREAS, Section 14.18.020 of the Seattle Municipal Code (SMC), enacted by Ordinance 125376 and last

amended by Ordinance 125679, requires City Council approval of a surveillance impact report (SIR)

related to uses of surveillance technology, with existing/retroactive technology to be placed on a Master

Technology List; and

WHEREAS, SMC 14.18.020 applies to the Remotely Operated Vehicles in use by the Seattle Police

Department (SPD); and

WHEREAS, the Seattle Police Department conducted policy rule review and community review as part of the

development of the Remotely Operated Vehicles SIR; and

WHEREAS, SMC 14.18.080, enacted by Ordinance 125679, also requires review of the Remotely Operated

Vehicles SIR by the Community Surveillance Working Group, composed of relevant stakeholders, and a

statement from the Chief Technology Officer in response to the Working Group's recommendations; and

WHEREAS, development of the Remotely Operated Vehicles SIR and review by the Working Group has been

completed; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Pursuant to Ordinances 125376 and 125679, the City Council approves use of the Seattle Police Department's Remotely Operated Vehicles. The City Council accepts the August 30, 2022, Surveillance

Impact Report (SIR) for this technology, attached to this ordinance as Attachment 1, and the Executive Overview for the same technology, attached to this ordinance as Attachment 2.

Section 2. The Council requests the Seattle Police Department (SPD) to work with the Office of Inspector General (OIG) to develop and provide to the Chief Technology Officer, no later than August 31, 2023, metrics for use in the annual equity assessments of Remotely Operated Vehicles. The Council requests SPD to work with the OIG to develop an audit log for Remotely Operated Vehicles, considering the equity metrics, by December 31, 2023 to support the Office of Inspector General's identification of potential disproportionate impacts in its annual surveillance technology usage review.

Section 3. The Council requests the Seattle Police Department to develop a policy or policies no later than December 31, 2023 specific to a youth's consent relative to deployment of Remotely Operated Vehicles reflecting the provisions of Ordinance 126132, which requires Seattle Police Department (SPD) officers to make available legal counsel for any youth that would be questioned or searched in certain situations.

Section 4. The Council requests the Seattle Police Department to develop a policy or policies no later than December 31, 2023 requiring the deletion of any data collected by a Remotely Operated Vehicle that is not needed for an investigation immediately following the mandatory 90-day retention period required by the Washington State Law Enforcement Common Records Retention Schedule (Disposition Authority Number LE09-01-09).

Section 5. The Council requests the Seattle Police Department to develop a policy or policies no later than December 31, 2023 prohibiting the use of any cell phones to record the livestream on a Remotely Operated Vehicle projection display.

Section 6. The Council requests the Seattle Police Department to develop a policy or policies no later than December 31, 2023 prohibiting the use of the Remotely Operated Vehicles described in the Surveillance Impact Report accepted by CB 120503 to deploy weapons.

Section 7. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force 30 days after its approval by the Mayor, but if

not approved and returned by the Mayor within ten days after presentation, it shall take effect as provided by Seattle Municipal Code Section 1.04.020.

Passed by the City Council the _____ day of _____, 2023, and signed by
me in open session in authentication of its passage this _____ day of _____, 2023.

President _____ of the City Council

Approved / returned unsigned / vetoed this _____ day of _____, 2023.

Bruce A. Harrell, Mayor

Filed by me this _____ day of _____, 2023.

Elizabeth M. Adkisson, Interim City Clerk

(Seal)

Attachments:

Attachment 1 - 2022 Surveillance Impact Report: Remotely Operated Vehicles (ROVs)

Attachment 2 - 2022 Surveillance Impact Report Executive Overview: Remotely Operated Vehicles (ROVs)