



Legislation Text

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Councilman Sykes

Enacting Section 129.13 of the Toledo Municipal Code, Body Worn Cameras; and declaring an emergency.

SUMMARY & BACKGROUND:

Toledo City Council has determined that it is in the best interest of the public and the Department of Police Operations in order to enhance safety for all to mandate the use of body worn cameras in certain situations.

NOW, THEREFORE, Be it ordained by the Council of the City of Toledo:

SECTION 1. That Toledo Municipal Code Section 129.13 is hereby enacted as follows:

129.13 Body Worn Cameras.

- (a) Police officers shall activate the body worn cameras during each law enforcement-public encounter related to a call for service, law enforcement action, subject stop, traffic stop, and/or police services provided that such activation does not interfere with officer safety or the safety of others. Additionally, the body worn camera shall be activated for tactical activities such as, searches of buildings and vehicles, searches for suspects and missing persons, seizing and processing evidence, and building checks when security alarms are triggered.
- (b) Every police officer on a scene shall activate their body worn camera and leave it on for the duration of the incident. This shall include transporting to and processing a person at the jail.
- (c) In locations where individuals have a reasonable expectation of privacy, such as a residence, individuals may decline to be recorded unless the recording is being made pursuant to an investigation, arrest, or search of the residence or individuals within the residence.

SECTION 2. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this Ordinance were passed in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 3. That this Ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure and shall be in force and effect from and after its passage. The reason for the emergency lies in the fact that same is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and property and for the further reason that it is necessary to assure the safety and protection of all involved in citizen/police interactions.

Vote on emergency clause: yeas _____, nays _____.

Passed: _____, as an emergency measure: yeas _____, nays _____.

Attest: _____
Clerk of Council

President of Council

Approved: _____

Mayor

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of an Ordinance passed by Council _____.

Attest: _____
Clerk of Council