

FACT SHEET

CITY OF SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA

TITLE

An ordinance to add a new Section 42-4 in the City of Shreveport, Louisiana, Code of Ordinances relative to a requirement for businesses to have a digital camera system and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

DATE

June 4, 2020

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT

COUNCIL DISTRICT

City-wide

SPONSORS

Councilman James Green

PURPOSE

This ordinance adds a new Section 42-4 to the Code of Ordinances.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The purpose of this ordinance is to require digital camera systems for all businesses in the City which sell goods or merchandise and to require the recorded information be available for a minimum of thirty (30) days.

TIMETABLE

Introduction: June 9, 2020
 Final Passage: June 23, 2020

ATTACHMENTS

None

SPECIAL PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS

NA

FINANCES

NA

SOURCE OF FUNDS

NA

ALTERNATIVES

(1) Adopt the ordinance as submitted, or (2) Amend the ordinance, or (3) Reject the ordinance.

RECOMMENDATION

Councilman James Green recommends that the City Council adopt this ordinance.

FACT SHEET PREPARED BY:

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 Deputy Clerk of Council

ORDINANCE NO. _____ OF 2020

AN ORDINANCE TO ADD A NEW SECTION 42-4 IN THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA, CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATIVE TO A REQUIREMENT FOR BUSINESSES TO HAVE A DIGITAL CAMERA SYSTEM AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

BY COUNCILMEMBER: JAMES GREEN

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, Louisiana in due, legal and regular session convened, that a new Section 42-4 be hereby added to Chapter 42, Article I, to read as follows:

Sec. 42-4. – Digital Camera Systems.

Beginning on August 1, 2020, all businesses which sell goods or merchandise located within the city shall have a digital camera system capable of transferring video to a widely used, portable form of media. The cameras shall be positioned to record all entrances and exits, all stairways and elevators, all points of sale, all parking lots, and all fueling areas, including the faces of persons located in each of those areas. The cameras shall be in operation and recording any time the establishment is open for business and for one hour after closing, and shall record video indexed by date and time at a resolution of at least 1080p high definition. All recorded video shall be maintained for at least 30 days and shall be made readily available to law enforcement upon request.

Secs. 42-5 – 42-30. - Reserved

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the remainder of Chapter 42, Article I of the Code of Ordinances shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if any provision or item of this Ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this Ordinance which can be given affect without the invalid provisions, items or applications and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all Ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Ordinance shall become effective in accordance with the provisions of [Shreveport City Charter Section 4.23](#).

THUS DONE AND ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, Louisiana.

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

City Attorney's Office