Automated License Plate Recognition (ALPR) Ordinance

Section 1. Definitions.

(A) "Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) system" shall mean a system, software, or computer algorithm, whether used independently or in combination with one or more mobile or fixed automated cameras, that is used to convert images of license plates into computer-readable data. This does not include a photo-monitoring system, as defined in 23 M.R.S. § 1980(2-A)(B)(4), when used by the Maine Turnpike Authority or a law enforcement agency for toll enforcement purposes.

(B) "Captured vehicle data" shall mean the GPS coordinates, date and time, photograph, license plate number, and any other data captured by, derived, or inferred from any automated license plate reader system, including but not limited to make, model, color, and other vehicle-related characteristics.

(C) "Municipality" shall mean all the [INSERT MUNICIPALITY] and any department, division, council, committee, office, board, commission, agency, contractor, and employee acting on behalf of the [TOWN or CITY].

Section 2. Prohibition for Public Entities.

(A) Any law enforcement agency of the municipality shall not operate an ALPR system or use the data therefrom for any purpose.

(B) Captured vehicle data from external ALPR systems shall not be acquired, accessed, queried, intentionally received, obtained or used by the municipality, unless supported by a valid, judicial warrant.

(C) The municipality shall not share any license plate number or other vehicle information with an ALPR system maintained by another person or entity, unless supported by a valid judicial warrant.

(D) Existing ALPR systems within the municipality and the data therefrom shall be discontinued and removed within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this Ordinance.

Section 3. Penalties for Public Entities.

(A) Any municipal employee who violates this Ordinance may be subject to disciplinary action, consistent with applicable law and collective bargaining agreements.