



City of Boston, Massachusetts

Office of the Mayor

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TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors,

In accordance with the the Ordinance on Surveillance Oversight and Information Sharing, Boston City Code Section 16-63 (“the Ordinance”), I hereby transmit for your review and consideration the proposed *Surveillance Use Policy for the Rodent Monitoring Camera System*, submitted in partnership with the Boston Housing Authority (BHA).

This proposed policy seeks City Council approval for the use of rodent surveillance cameras at selected BHA sites and other City-managed locations. The technology consists of artificial intelligence-enhanced cameras deployed in targeted areas across the city, including BHA properties. These cameras are designed to detect and analyze rodent activity without capturing video or audio of identifiable individuals.

The primary purpose of this technology is to help the City and BHA identify patterns of rodent behavior and inform targeted enforcement measures. The goal is to reduce rodent activity by directing pest mitigation resources to the areas where they are most needed.

This policy outlines in detail how the technology functions, the safeguards in place to protect privacy, and the limited and specific use of the system. of the ordinance.

We appreciate the Council’s thoughtful oversight on these matters and welcome the opportunity to provide further information or briefings as needed.

Sincerely,

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Chief of Operations
City of Boston