

**Proposed Ordinance  
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**Amending Title 13, Chapter 259 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances  
relating to Licenses and Business Regulations: Surveillance Cameras**

The City Council of the City of Minneapolis do ordain as follows:

Section 1. That Chapter 259.230 of the above-entitled ordinance be added as follows:

259.230. Surveillance cameras. (a) Purpose. The city council finds that small businesses, automobile related facilities which offer convenience food, gasoline and other services, business with off-sale liquor licenses, tobacco dealers, and food confectionary stores can become targets of opportunity for theft and violent crimes. The purpose of this section, to be known as the Magnus amendment, is to protect the public health, safety and welfare by increasing security for patrons and employees of these businesses by the use of surveillance cameras. Surveillance cameras will assist in deterring crime in and adjacent to such businesses and can provide information to assist the police in investigating crimes that do occur.

(b) Security requirements. Every automobile convenience store, convenience food store, ~~or~~ grocery store, and off sale liquor, tobacco dealers, food confectionary stores as defined and/or regulated by Titles 10, 13, 14 and 20 of this Code offering convenience food items shall install a security camera of a type, number and placement approved by the director of licenses and consumer services and /or Minneapolis Police Department. ~~Such camera(s) must be capable of producing a retrievable image on film or tape that can be made a permanent record and which can be enlarged through projection or other means and which shall be maintained and available to police for five (5) days before reuse or destruction. Cameras required by this section shall be either 35-millimeter cameras or video taping surveillance cameras and shall be maintained in proper working order at all times during all hours of operation of the business. Said establishments shall post a conspicuous sign which states that the property is under camera surveillance. Such cameras and signage shall be subject to periodic inspection by the director of licenses and consumer services or the director's designee. The director shall have the authority to formulate reasonable rules to fully implement this ordinance.~~

(c) Secured buildings. Convenience food store or grocery stores, as defined by Titles 10, 13, 14 and 20 of this Code that are situated within office, condominium, apartment or cooperative buildings shall be exempted from this section provided one of the following conditions exist:

- (1) The building has a security system providing limited public access; or
- (2) The building provides a concierge, doorman, or security guard at the main public entry during all hours of store operation.

(d) — Effective date. This ordinance shall take effect on June 1, 1996, for all existing or proposed businesses. (96-Or-014, § 1, 3-8-96)

(d).Materials and Maintenance requirements. The director of licenses shall have the authority to formulate reasonable rules to fully implement this ordinance.

(1) Type of Cameras required. The camera(s) must be capable of producing a retrievable image on film, tape or digital video that can be made a permanent record and which can be enlarged through projection or other means. Cameras required by this section shall be 35-millimeter cameras or video taping surveillance cameras or digital video taping equipment and shall be maintained in proper working order at all times during all hours of operation of the business.

(2) Signage required. Said establishments shall post a conspicuous sign which states that the property is under camera surveillance.

(3) Minimum standards. The director of licenses shall have the authority to formulate reasonable rules to fully implement this ordinance. Cameras shall be subject to periodic inspections by the director of licenses or their designee or member of the Minneapolis Police Department.

(4) Management of film, videotapes or digital materials. Said establishments shall maintain and make available, video tapes, film or digital material, to License and Consumer Services and Minneapolis Police Department for periods of one month before reusing materials or destruction. Videotapes and film shall be marked with the day of the month the material was used. Digital materials shall be marked with the time and date. The establishment shall retain one blank tape, film or digital material to be used if the other material is taken by the License or Police Departments or is the other material fails. All video tapes shall be replaced after being used twelve (12) times.

(e).Effective date. Changes to the ordinance shall take effect on January 31, 2006 for all existing businesses and immediately for all new business applicants or proposed businesses or when change of equipment is ordered by the Licenses and Consumer Services Department.