

WELLS COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 2022-04

An Ordinance Establishing A Policy For Use Of
Traffic Cameras In Wells County

WHEREAS, Wells County placed cameras for the protection of the bridge located on County Road 300 W spanning the Wabash River.

WHEREAS, said cameras installed were solely for the protection of the bridge and the people of Wells County due to the unique character and location of the Historic County Road 300 W bridge, spanning the Wabash River.

WHEREAS, the Wells County Commissioners have considered the competing concerns of County property protection and the threat of governmental gathering of private individual data through clandestine photography and video.

WHEREAS, the Wells County Commissioners are committed to protecting individual privacy and are furthermore aware of the threat of intrusive government action into the private lives of the citizens of Wells County

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Board of Commissioners of Wells County, Indiana, that:


1. The cameras installed on the Historic County Road 300 W bridge will remain in place to protect the property and safety of Wells County and its citizens.
2. Any information gathered from said cameras shall be pursuant to these purposes of property protection and the security of citizens and shall only be available to public and private entities and individuals upon written request and upon approval by the Wells County Commissioners.

3. Approval for dissemination of said information, images, or video containing private information of individuals shall be granted only upon reasonable, particularized requests, at the discretion of the Wells County Commissioners, involving matters germane to serious public or private concern such as felony criminal investigations, personal injuries, auto accident investigations, property damage, and like matters.
4. Any future public camera installations within the jurisdiction of the Wells County Commissioners shall be ordained by the Wells County Commissioners and any information gathered thereby shall be subject to the limitations and conditions set forth in this ordinance.

All as Passed and Ordained this 22nd day of February, 2022

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THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF THE COUNTY OF WELLS:


Michael Vanover, President


Blake Gerber, Vice-President


Jeff Stringer, Member

ATTEST:


Lisa McCormick, Auditor

This instrument was prepared by the Wells County Attorney, Colin Z. Andrews, Andrews & Crell P.C. *I affirm, under penalties for perjury, that I have taken reasonable care to redact each Social Security number in this document, unless required by law. Colin Z. Andrews*