



COMMUNITY CAMERA PROGRAM

CITY OF JENNINGS, MISSOURI

Video from your business or residence camera may help solve a crime!

The City of Jennings (“City”) is committed to the safety and protection of its residents, businesses, and visitors to the City. This Community Camera Program (“Program”) asks residents and businesses across the City to assist the City in safeguarding their community by voluntarily registering their privately-owned video surveillance system with the City for use by the St. Louis County Police Department.

Video surveillance is a modern tool that can assist the police in identifying, apprehending, and convicting suspects. As crimes occur nearby, many residents and business owners are unaware that their camera systems may have captured information that could help solve a crime. Likewise, police are not always aware of who may have potentially vital video evidence. Through this volunteer Program, if a crime occurs, St. Louis County Police will be able to review the registration list of those businesses and residents who have voluntarily agreed to be part of this Program and contact them to review and, if applicable, seek their permission to collect/copy video footage that may be relevant to a current investigation.

Register your camera by completing the below form advising the City that you have video surveillance equipment outside your business or residence.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Contact Person: _____

Business Name (if applicable): _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

CAMERA INFORMATION

Address: _____

Number of Cameras: _____

Camera Views: (Please include interior/exterior, direction, street name, parking lot, landmarks, etc.):

Policy, Terms and Conditions:

Volunteer Program. Participation in this Program is entirely voluntary. If at any time a participant no longer wishes to participate in this Program, he/she may withdraw by providing the City of Jennings five (5) days written notice that participant no longer wishes to be in the Program.

Missouri Open Records Law Terms. The information participant provides regarding contact information and video surveillance system will be for official use. The City Council hereby declares and finds that the participant's completed registration form and the compiled registration list that will be maintained with names and contact information for all participants of the Program and location and details about each participant's security system is a closed record under Section 610.021(20) and based on the reasoning within Attorney General Opinion 95-2001 and *City of Springfield v. Events Publishing Co., LLC*, 951 S.W.2d 366 (Mo. App. 1997), and, therefore, shall not be subject to disclosure under Chapter 610 RSMo.¹ However, any video footage obtained or copied from a participant's security system shall be treated as Mobile Video Recordings, as defined by Section 610.010 RSMo. and, therefore, will be considered an open record subject to disclosure under certain circumstances in accordance with the Chapter 610 RSMo.

General Terms. Registration and participation in this Program does not automatically give the St. Louis County Police or the City access to participant's camera system. Registration also does not obligate the participant to agree to share video surveillance with investigators when contacted. Rather, registration is solely the participant's authorization for St. Louis County Police to contact participant if the police suspect that participant's surveillance system, due to its location, may have captured relevant information. As a participant in this Program, if a crime or suspected crime occurs and investigators believe participant's video surveillance may be of assistance, the St. Louis County Police will contact the participant directly, using the information provided by participant at the time of registration, or as such information may be changed from time to time by written notice to the City Clerk, to request to view or copy the appropriate video surveillance footage. All video surveillance footage shall remain the property of the participant until it is collected from the participant by the St. Louis County Police. Voluntary participation in this Program shall not be construed as an obligation to release any surveillance video to the St. Louis County Police. Any footage containing or related to criminal activity collected by the St. Louis County Police may be used as evidence during any stage of a criminal proceeding and the participant could be subject to subpoena. Under no circumstances shall participants construe that they are acting as an agent and/or employee of City and/or the St. Louis County Police through this Program. Under no circumstances shall the St. Louis County Police utilize any information obtained to view footage/feeds directly from cameras owned by participants.

I understand and agree with the above policy, terms, and conditions regarding the Community Camera Program.

Signature: _____

Print name: _____

**Please return to: Jennings City Hall
 Attn: Verna Charles
 2120 Hord Ave
 Jennings, MO 63136**

Or email to: Mayoradmin@cityofjennings.org

¹ Despite this policy, it is possible that the information provided to the City through participation in this Program could be ordered open, and subject to disclosure, by a court or a change in the law.