



Elgin Police Department Memorandum

Date: September 2, 2026

To: Beau Perry, *Acting City Manager*,
Honorable Theresa McShan, *Mayor*

From: Chris Noble, *Chief of Police*

Re: Pausing City of Elgin's FLOCK Safety Camera Program

Mayor/Beau,

Beginning today I have instructed my staff that the Elgin Police Department will pause its use of the FLOCK Safety ALPR system currently in place within the City of Elgin. This pause will remain in place until I receive further instruction from our elected officials. This is a very difficult decision as the FLOCK system has been instrumental in our ability to investigate and solve many violent crimes, and scores of property crimes. I am incredibly proud of EPD's transparent and strict oversight of the system through routine "deep dive" audits, analysis of usage, limited access to only a few individuals, strict policies on its use, and supervisory inspections. Nevertheless, I completely understand the public's perceptions, and resulting mistrust of how ALPR data is used, stored, and shared. Regrettably, the actions of a few people in law enforcement agencies across the country have stained this investigative tool; irreparably, I fear.

Elgin's FLOCK Safety systems are two-fold. 1) 13 cameras are funded through the city's general fund. 2) 12 cameras and a mobile trailer are grant-funded through the State of Texas Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority (MVCPA). This morning I learned Texas Governor Greg Abbott has ordered state agencies to pause funding for FLOCK Safety cameras...this will directly affect our cameras that are grant funded. As such, I believe this is a good time to follow the Governors lead and pause our use of FLOCK Safety until our elected officials determine if resumption, or cancellation of the subscription(s) is in the best interests of the Elgin community.

Discussions with Flock Safety will be had to determine the best course of action while we pause, and/or cancel the program. I will advise soonest.