

MONROE TOWNSHIP, MIDDLESEX COUNTY

ORDINANCE NO.: O-10-2018-034

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE,  
COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY,  
ESTABLISHING CHAPTER 87 OF THE MONROE TOWNSHIP CODE  
ENTITLED “SECURITY CAMERA VOLUNTARY REGISTRY”

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**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, New Jersey, that the Municipal Code of the Township of Monroe, Middlesex County, New Jersey is hereby amended to create **Chapter 87, “Security Camera Voluntary Registry”** as follows:

**CHAPTER 87**

**SECURITY CAMERA VOLUNTARY REGISTRY**

- § 87.1       **Definitions.**
- § 87.2       **Voluntary Registry and Regulations.**
- § 87.3       **Registration Procedure.**
- § 87.4       **Access to Information.**
- § 87.5       **Termination from Registry.**

§ 87.1       **Definitions.**

As used in this chapter, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

**VIDEO SURVEILLANCE CAMERA or CAMERA** – A device installed outside a residence or business which, for security purposes, captures footage of an area outside of the residence or business.

**REGISTRY** – The list of individuals or businesses who, pursuant to and in accordance with this Chapter, registers their private video surveillance camera(s) or camera(s) on their property in the municipality with the Monroe Township Police Department.

**REGISTRANT** – An individual or business that voluntarily registers video surveillance camera(s) or camera(s) with the Monroe Township Police Department.

§ 87.2       **Voluntary Registry and Regulations.**

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:48-1.6, N.J.S.A. 40:48-1.7 and N.J.S.A. 40A:48-2, the Township authorizes and creates a Registry, which shall permit any person who owns private video surveillance camera(s) or camera(s) at a residence or business in Monroe Township to voluntarily register same with the Monroe Township Police Department for the sole purpose of assisting law enforcement investigations of criminal activity occurring within the vicinity of the camera(s) locations.

The registration of a camera does not and shall not constitute a waiver of any rights granted under the Constitution of the United States or the State of New Jersey or any other law.

**§ 87.3 Registration Procedure.**

In order to be on the Registry, an individual or business, shall fill out an application form available at the Monroe Township Police Department or through the website of the Police Department, and provide the following information in order for the video surveillance camera(s) or camera(s) on their property to be placed on the Registry:

1. Name of Registrant;
2. Address of residence or business;
3. Contact information; i.e., telephone number, e-mail address;
4. Type of property; i.e., residential or commercial;
5. Recording period; i.e., motion sensor, constant, business hours only;
6. If images and/or video are saved to a digital video recorder (DVR) style device;
7. Duration of data storage;
8. Description of area(s) recorded;
9. Third party monitoring;
10. If the registrant will grant access to Police Department if needed; and
11. If the registrant is proficient in memorializing / downloading data.

**§ 87.4 Access to Information.**

The Registry shall be available for the exclusive use by the Monroe Township Police Department and other law enforcement officials investigating criminal activity within the vicinity of the video surveillance camera(s) or camera(s). When appropriate for criminal investigative purposes, the Monroe Township Police Department may request camera footage from the Registrant. Granting access to the footage is entirely voluntary on the part of the Registrant. Registering video surveillance camera(s) or camera(s) does not convey any rights to the Monroe Township Police Department or other law enforcement officials with regard to such camera(s) or footage.

The location of video surveillance camera(s) or camera(s) voluntarily provided by the public for the Registry shall be confidential and not disclosed to the general public. The Registry shall be used solely as a tool to assist law enforcement in investigating criminal activity that occurred in the vicinity of the video surveillance camera(s) or camera(s). and shall not be considered a public record pursuant to N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1 et seq.

**§ 87.5 Termination from Registry.**

Video surveillance camera(s) or camera(s) placed on the Registry will be removed at the request of the Registrant at any time upon written request to the Monroe Township Police Department.

**SECTION 2.** All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance shall be and the same are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 3.** If any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision so adjudged and the remainder of the Ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.

**SECTION 4.** This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication as provided by law.

**SO ORDAINED,** as aforesaid.

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STEPHEN DALINA, Council President

<b>RECORDED VOTE – INTRODUCTION – October 1, 2018</b>						
<b>COUNCIL</b>	<b>MOTION</b>	<b>SECOND</b>	<b>AYE</b>	<b>NAY</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
<b>Councilman Baskin</b>		<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Councilwoman Cohen</b>	<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>			
<b>Councilman Dipierro</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>Council V. President Schneider</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>Council President Dalina</b>			<b>X</b>			

**NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at a meeting of the Monroe Township Council held on October 1, 2018. Said Ordinance will again be read and considered for final passage at the next scheduled meeting of the Monroe Township Council to be held on November 7, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the Monroe Township Municipal Building, 1 Municipal Plaza, Monroe Township, New Jersey 08831. At said time and place all persons having an interest in the foregoing Ordinance will be granted an opportunity to be heard concerning the same prior to consideration for final passage by the Council.

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PATRICIA REID, Township Clerk

<b>RECORDED VOTE – SECOND READING &amp; FINAL ADOPTION– November 7, 2018</b>						
<b>COUNCIL</b>	<b>MOTION</b>	<b>SECOND</b>	<b>AYE</b>	<b>NAY</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
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**MAYORAL APPROVAL**

By virtue of the Optional Municipal Charter Law of 1950 and Chapter 3, Section 19 of the Code of the Township of Monroe, my approval of this Ordinance is effected by the affixing of my signature hereto.

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GERALD W. TAMBURRO, Mayor

Date signed: \_\_\_\_\_