

- TO: Michael D. Polensek, Chair Safety Committee
- FROM: Karrie D. Howard, Director Department of Public Safety
- SUBJECT: Ordinance No. 212-2022 To supplement the Codified Ordinances of Cleveland, Ohio, 1976, by enacting new Section 135.531 relating to agreements to share crime and safety information with residents and solicit access and store home camera footage and images; and to repeal Ordinance No. 454-2021, passed July 14, 2021, relating to one or more agreements with Ring for the City to participate in the Neighbors Public Safety Service
- DATE: March 30, 2022

Ordinance No. 212-2022, if approved by City Council, would enact new Section 135.531 of the Codified Ordinances relating to agreements to share crime and safety information with residents and solicit access and store home camera footage and images. This section would authorize the Director of Public Safety to enter into agreements with various vendors for the Department of Public Safety to share crime and safety information with residents, to solicit access to and store home camera footage and images related to criminal investigations and service calls, and to work with communities to help make neighborhoods safer. This legislation would also repeal Ordinance No. 454-2021, passed by Cleveland City Council July 14, 2021, relating to one or more agreements with Ring for the City to participate in the Neighbors Public Safety Service.

This new Codified Ordinance Section would expand the intent of the original Ring legislation to include other vendors that provide similar home camera and security services to enable the Department of Public Safety to share crime and safety information with residents. It would also authorize the Department of Public Safety to solicit home camera footage in areas where a criminal activity or incident has occurred from residents on a voluntary basis, which would assist the public safety forces in investigating these criminal activities and incidences.

Overall, this service would provide Public Safety with another tool to interact with the community and assist us with helping to make our neighborhoods safer for our residents.