

AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE NO. 35,229

CITY HALL: October 9, 2025

BY: COUNCILMEMBER THOMAS

SECONDED BY:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

An amendment to clarify the scope of disclosures prohibited by the ordinance and to address circumstances when disclosure is permitted.

AMENDMENT:

1. On line 9, insert the subsection signifier “(a)” at the beginning of the line.
2. On line 10, delete the words “crime scene or accident scene, except as permitted by this section.” and replace them with the following:
“crime or accident victim in cases involving death or serious bodily injury, unless the image or footage of the victim is obscured or redacted or the disclosure is expressly authorized by this section.”
3. Delete the entire sentence beginning at the end of line 10 and replace it with the following:
“(b) The city may disclose unredacted images or footage of crime or accident victims:
 - (1) to other law-enforcement agencies;
 - (2) under circumstances reasonably related to the investigation of the incident or the apprehension of the perpetrator;
 - (3) for internal law-enforcement training purposes;
 - (4) at the request of the victim or, if the victim is deceased, the victim’s family;
 - (5) in connection with a court proceeding; or
 - (6) as required by the Public Records Law or other applicable law.”

THE FOREGOING AMENDMENT WAS READ IN FULL, THE ROLL WAS CALLED ON THE ADOPTION THEREOF, AND RESULTED AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

RECUSED:

AND THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

ENGROSSED VERSION:

The following engrossed version shows how the proposed amendment would modify Ordinance No. 35,229, as originally introduced. Additions are **underlined**. Deletions are shown as ~~strikethroughs~~.

Sec. 90-44. – Prohibited disclosure of crime- and accident-scene images and video footage.

- (a)** No member of the police department nor any person acting on the city’s behalf may share or disclose photographs or video footage depicting a **crime or accident victim in cases involving death or serious bodily injury, unless the image or footage of the victim is obscured or redacted or the disclosure is expressly authorized by this section.** ~~crime scene or accident scene, except as permitted by this section. Nothing herein shall prohibit the city from sharing such images and footage with other law enforcement agencies or under circumstances reasonably related to furthering the investigation of the incident, or from disclosing materials pursuant to the Public Records Law, in connection with a court proceeding, or as otherwise required by law.~~
- (b)** **The city may disclose unredacted images or footage of crime or accident victims:**
- (1) to other law-enforcement agencies;**
 - (2) under circumstances reasonably related to the investigation of the incident or the apprehension of the perpetrator;**
 - (3) for internal law-enforcement training purposes;**
 - (4) at the request of the victim or, if the victim is deceased, the victim’s family;**
 - (5) in connection with a court proceeding; or**
 - (6) as required by the Public Records Law or other applicable law.**