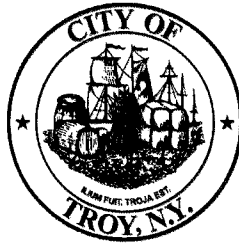


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DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

RE: Emergency Action Relating to Public Safety and the Law Enforcement Infrastructure of the City

The Troy City Council recently declared that it was directing the City Auditor to withhold all payments to Flock Safety, the vendor responsible for the operation and maintenance of the City's Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) camera system.

The ALPR system is a critical component of the City's public safety infrastructure. LPRs have been utilized daily by the men and women of the Troy Police Department for over a decade. The Flock LPRs assist law enforcement in identifying stolen vehicles, locating suspects, and investigating automobile related crimes such as drive-by shootings. In addition, they enhance real-time response capabilities in emergency circumstances, often enabling police to quickly locate and track vehicles when there is a crime in progress or when there are alerts for missing, endangered, and vulnerable persons. They are an invaluable aid in the recovery of stolen vehicles and even provide important evidence in non-criminal cases such as motor vehicle crashes and property damage accidents. As utilized by the Troy Police Department, the Flock Safety System protects residents, businesses, and visitors throughout our City without infringing upon legitimate expectations of personal privacy.

An unjustified and unnecessary interruption in payment to Flock Safety threatens the continued operation of this system. Non-payment would give the vendor the immediate right to remove the LPRs from the City and the City might still be liable for the contractually agreed payment. That would be a self-inflicted double harm to the City. But most importantly, a disruption of ALPR services would significantly impair law enforcement's ability to prevent and respond to crime and would jeopardize public safety.

As Mayor, I must take action to protect public safety, it is my first duty. Pursuant to § C-40 of the City Charter, I hereby declare a public emergency to mobilize all available City resources as shall be required to continue the operation, proper functioning, and uninterrupted service of the City's ALPR system from Flock Safety. This shall include but not be limited to fully complying with the current contract which the City Council failed to act upon before it renewed, including making such payments as may be necessary and appropriate to ensure the continuous operation

of this vital public safety infrastructure. Public safety must take precedence over partisan political squabbling.

This declaration shall take effect immediately and remain in full force and effect until such time as the emergency conditions described herein have been resolved.

The Administration reserves the right to take additional appropriate actions necessary to address the issues that may arise in this emergency.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carmella R. Mantello". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Carmella R. Mantello
Mayor, Troy, NY