

IMPACT STATEMENT

Legislation title: *Prohibit the acquisition and use of Face Recognition Technologies by City bureaus (Ordinance).
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Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:

This Ordinance prohibits the use of Face Recognition Technologies by all City of Portland bureaus. It also directs the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability and the Office of Equity and Human Rights to coordinate actions to create awareness among City bureaus about this policy.

The City of Portland recognizes that Face Recognition Technologies are based on the collection of sensitive information from people, and that biases against Black people, women, and older people in these technologies have been demonstrated.

The use of these biased technologies, particularly in law enforcement, may cause irreversible damage due to false identification from a Face Recognition process. The use of biased technologies in Portland prevents all Portlanders from having fair access to City of Portland services.

Financial and budgetary impacts:

There is no immediate financial or budget impact that would result from adopting this ordinance.

The bureau of Planning and Sustainability will likely seek future budget resources needed to implement a process for more privacy and surveillance governance, and awareness and future work related to these topics.

Community impacts and community involvement:

Face Recognition Technologies are not widely used in places of public accommodation in Portland. However, some local businesses may be impacted by the ban.

This ban exempts uses of Face Recognition Technologies by all Private Entities in order to comply with any local, state or federal regulation.

This ordinance included public involvement at different stages of its development, from initial feedback, providing direct feedback to City Council in the form of a work session, and an open workshop for crafting language included in the final document.

By adopting this Ordinance, City Council directs staff at the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability and Office of Equity and Human Rights to make recommendations to assure community involvement in future surveillance and privacy policies.

100% Renewable Goal:

This resolution does not increase or decrease the City’s energy or renewable energy use.

Budgetary Impact Worksheet

Does this action change appropriations?

- YES:** Please complete the information below.
- NO:** Skip this section

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