

Frequently Asked Questions

How will the Town protect your privacy?

Your information will not be shared with third parties and will only be used by the Bartonville Police Department in connection with crime investigation/prosecution.

Will these be used for traffic violations?

The Bartonville Police Department will not use the cameras to engage in any type of traffic enforcement. If the Bartonville Police Department receives a hotlist alert from the system, it will be for a wanted person or a stolen car in the state and national database. The cameras will not be used for situations such as broken taillights.

Where does the data go and how long is it kept?

The footage that is captured is 100% owned by the Bartonville Police Department. Any footage captured is stored on a secured server, stored for only 30 days, and then deleted permanently unless required to support an active criminal investigation.

Will there be facial recognition?

None of the footage captured is of people or their faces. The cameras do not deal in any type of facial recognition. The cameras are simply a tool that capture cars and license plates to use as actionable evidence in the event of a crime.

Isn't this kind of like Big Brother?

The cameras will be used as a tool that captures cars and license plates. This information can be used as actionable evidence in the event of a crime. These are motion-activated cameras. They do not run 24/7 video. Instead, a picture is taken. Artificial intelligence will activate when a car passes by, take the best snapshot, and filter out anything other than the car.

How do we know that you aren't abusing it?

The Bartonville Police Department, through strenuous policies, procedures, and protocols, makes sure that for every search of the captured license plates, there is a lawful reason. Searches of the captured license plates are initiated in the event of a crime or missing persons that triggers the hotlist (wanted person or a stolen car in the state and national database) and information is vetted for accuracy. These are not surveillance cameras, but tools to aid the Bartonville Police Department in investigations usually linked to other crimes.