

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 315775
DATE OF FINAL PASSAGE OCT 03 2024

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
SAN DIEGO APPROVING ROBOT TECHNOLOGY UNDER
THE TRANSPARENT AND RESPONSIBLE USE OF
SURVEILLANCE TECHNOLOGY ORDINANCE.

RECITALS

The Council of the City of San Diego (Council) adopts this Resolution based on the following:

A. The San Diego Police Department (SDPD) uses or possesses Robot technology, which falls within the definition of surveillance technology under San Diego Municipal Code Chapter 2, Article 10, Division 1, the Transparent and Responsible Use of Technology Ordinance (TRUST Ordinance).

B. Approval of the Council of the City of San Diego (Council) is required under the TRUST Ordinance.

C. SDPD utilizes three different types of Robot technology that may be deployed during critical incidents. Each Robot has multiple cameras with the ability that allow SDPD personnel to view structures and areas from different angles and in infrared, if necessary. One Robot can provide audio and video recordings.

D. Robot technology benefits the City of San Diego (City) during critical incidents by allowing SDPD personnel to remotely view structures or areas without the risk of being injured or killed. This technology also allows SDPD to observe civilians who may also be in harm's way.

E. SDPD protects civil rights and civil liberties by only deploying Robot technology during critical incidents involving violence or in situations where the lives of SDPD personnel or civilians may be at risk. Any audio or video, if recorded during a critical incident, is not shared with third parties and is only access by authorized SDPD personnel.

F. There is no alternative with lesser economic cost or impact on civil liberties or rights. Robot technology can view structures or areas, for a potentially violent individual without having to put anyone in harm's way, has the ability to provide intelligence to help prepare the SWAT unit to provide the appropriate assistance, and is used to de-escalate potentially violent situations while not exposing officers or civilians to danger.

G. The purchase price of this technology ranges between \$20,000 to \$55,000 per Robot with a \$10,000 annual maintenance budget for all Robots.

H. The Robot technology will be used Citywide and SDPD held community meetings discussing Robot technology in all Council Districts on February 22, 2024, received public comment, and incorporated the public comments and written responses into the Surveillance Impact Report.

I. The SDPD has prepared and publicly released and posted a Surveillance Use Policy and a Surveillance Impact Report for Robot technology, on file with the City Clerk as document numbers RR- 315775-1 and RR- 315775-2.

J. Robot technology, including the proposed Surveillance Use Policy and the Surveillance Impact Report, was reviewed by the Privacy Advisory Board (Board) on March 7, 2024, at a publicly noticed meeting.

K. The Board recommended the Council approve the use of Robot technology with modifications.

L. SDPD received and reviewed the recommendations of the Board and, in response, has made modifications.

M. The Council has considered the Surveillance Impact Report and Surveillance Use Policy for Robot technology.

N. The Council has considered the recommendations of the Board.

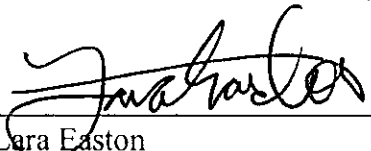
O. The Office of the City Attorney has prepared this resolution based on the information provided by City staff, with the understanding that this information is complete and accurate.

ACTION ITEMS

Be it resolved by the Council of the City of San Diego:

1. The benefits to the community of Robot technology outweigh the costs.
2. The City's proposal for Robot technology will safeguard civil liberties and civil rights.
3. The Council determines that no alternative with a lesser economic cost or lesser impact on civil rights or civil liberties would be as effective as Robot technology.
4. Robot technology is hereby approved by the Council under the TRUST Ordinance.
5. This approval is not intended to and shall not supersede existing processes to seek approval for the appropriation and expenditure of specific funds through the annual budget process, or existing processes for the approval and execution of contracts, donations, and grants.
6. The Council shall review this approval annually as required by the TRUST Ordinance.

APPROVED: MARA W. ELLIOTT, City Attorney

By 

Lara Easton
Deputy City Attorney

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I certify that the Council of the City of San Diego adopted this Resolution at a meeting held on
SEP 24 2024

DIANA J.S. FUENTES
City Clerk

By Connie Patterson
Deputy City Clerk

Approved: 10/3/24
(date)

Todd Gloria
TODD GLORIA, Mayor

Vetoed: _____
(date)

TODD GLORIA, Mayor

Passed by the Council of The City of San Diego on SEP 24 2024, by the following vote:

Councilmembers	Yeas	Nays	Not Present	Recused
Joe LaCava	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jennifer Campbell	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stephen Whitburn	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Henry L. Foster III	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Marni von Wilpert	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kent Lee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Raul A. Campillo	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Vivian Moreno	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sean Elo-Rivera	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Date of final passage OCT 03 2024.

(Please note: When a resolution is approved by the Mayor, the date of final passage is the date the approved resolution was returned to the Office of the City Clerk.)

AUTHENTICATED BY:

TODD GLORIA
Mayor of The City of San Diego, California.

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DIANA J.S. FUENTES
City Clerk of The City of San Diego, California.

By Linda Shwin, Deputy
For Connie Patterson

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