NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

Notice is hereby given to the taxpayers of Vigo County, Indiana that the County Council will conduct a public hearing on Resolution 2026-6 on Wednesday, November 4, 2026 at 5:00 pm in the Council Chambers located in the Vigo County Government Center, at 127 Oak Street, Terre Haute, Indiana. The County Council will consider the following proposed Resolution 2026-6 regarding the local income tax imposed within Vigo County on Tuesday, November 10, 2026 at 5:00 pm at the same location.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-6

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A PROSPECTIVE POLICY PROHIBITING COUNTY APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, AND DISCRETIONARY FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR AUTOMATED LICENSE PLATE READING DEVICES, SOFTWARE, SURVEILLANCE SYSTEMS, AND RELATED SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Vigo County Council is the fiscal body of Vigo County, Indiana, and exercises the powers granted by Indiana law concerning county budgets, appropriations, taxation, and fiscal oversight; and

WHEREAS, Indiana Code § 36-2-5-2 provides that the county fiscal body shall appropriate money to be paid from the county treasury, except as otherwise provided by law; and

WHEREAS, Indiana Code §§ 36-2-5-11 and 36-2-5-12 establish procedures governing annual and additional county appropriations; and

WHEREAS, automated license plate reading technology permits the collection, processing, storage, searching, and sharing of information concerning vehicles traveling upon public roads and other locations; and

WHEREAS, such technology may involve ongoing expenditures for equipment, installation, software licensing, database access, subscriptions, maintenance, data storage, and related services; and

WHEREAS, the Council recognizes that automated license plate reading systems may be used for legitimate law enforcement purposes, while also raising questions concerning personal privacy, data retention, information sharing, cybersecurity, public accountability, and long-term financial obligations; and

WHEREAS, the Council finds that discretionary county expenditures for automated license plate reading technology are not a fiscal priority of Vigo County; and

WHEREAS, the Council intends to establish a prospective fiscal policy against approving county appropriations or other discretionary financial support for automated license plate reading

devices, associated software, databases, subscriptions, and related services, regardless of the manufacturer, vendor, or governmental department requesting such funding; and

WHEREAS, the Council intends to exercise its statutory appropriation authority without interfering with the independent operational authority of elected county officials, law enforcement agencies, or other governmental bodies;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE VIGO COUNTY COUNCIL AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1.

For purposes of this Resolution:

A. Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR). "Automated License Plate Reader" means any fixed, mobile, portable, or vehicle-mounted camera, electronic device, or technological system designed or configured to automatically capture, identify, record, convert, analyze, or compare motor vehicle license plate numbers or associated vehicle information against databases or other electronically stored information.

This definition includes technology commonly described as Automatic License Plate Recognition, License Plate Recognition (LPR), or similar terminology.

B. ALPR Software and Services. "ALPR Software and Services" means any computer software, application, subscription, database, cloud-based platform, artificial intelligence system, analytical service, or other technology primarily designed or used to process, search, store, analyze, retrieve, or share information collected through automated license plate reading systems.

C. ALPR-Related Expenditure. "ALPR-Related Expenditure" means any expenditure primarily intended to acquire, install, operate, maintain, repair, replace, expand, upgrade, license, subscribe to, or otherwise financially support automated license plate reading technology.

Such expenditures include, but are not limited to:

1. Cameras, scanners, sensors, and associated hardware;
2. Software licenses and subscription fees;
3. Cloud-based storage and database access;
4. Installation, electrical connections, mounting equipment, and telecommunications infrastructure;

5. Maintenance, repairs, replacements, and upgrades;
6. Data processing, analytical services, and information-sharing platforms;
7. Vendor contracts, service agreements, and renewal fees;
8. Training, technical support, and implementation services;
9. Access to ALPR data obtained from third-party vendors or other governmental entities;
10. Equipment or software acquired through grants requiring county financial contributions.

D. County Financial Support. Any discretionary appropriation, expenditure authorization, grant, subsidy, reimbursement, financial contribution, matching-fund commitment, or other allocation of county funds primarily intended to support ALPR technology or services.

SECTION 2.

It shall be the prospective fiscal policy of the Vigo County Council not to approve any new discretionary appropriation of county funds primarily intended to purchase, acquire, install, operate, maintain, replace, upgrade, or otherwise support Automated License Plate Readers or ALPR Software and Services.

This policy shall apply to:

A. Appropriations from the County General Fund;

B. Annual county budget appropriations;

C. Additional or supplemental appropriations;

D. Discretionary appropriations from special revenue funds, to the extent subject to Council appropriation authority;

E. Capital improvement and equipment appropriations;

F. Law enforcement equipment and technology appropriations;

G. Information technology appropriations;

H. County-funded grants, reimbursements, or matching contributions;

I. Any other discretionary appropriation within the Council's statutory authority primarily intended to support ALPR technology.

SECTION 3.

The Council establishes a policy against approving discretionary county appropriations for:

A. ALPR software licenses;

B. Monthly or annual subscription services;

C. Database access fees;

D. Cloud storage and data retention services;

E. Automated vehicle identification and tracking platforms;

F. Artificial intelligence or analytical software primarily designed to process ALPR data;

G. Third-party access to license plate databases;

H. Software maintenance, technical support, and service renewals;

I. Contracts or agreements providing access to automated license plate information collected by private vendors or other governmental entities.

This policy applies regardless of whether the County owns or operates the physical license plate reading equipment.

SECTION 4.

The Council establishes a policy against approving discretionary appropriations primarily intended to provide financial support for ALPR technology through another governmental agency, private vendor, contractor, nonprofit organization, or other intermediary.

This policy includes proposed appropriations benefiting:

A. A private surveillance technology company;

B. A software or database provider;

C. A law enforcement technology contractor;

D. An economic development or public safety organization;

E. Another governmental agency or political subdivision;

F. Any other entity where the primary purpose of the proposed appropriation is to finance ALPR equipment, software, subscriptions, or related services.

The identity of the recipient shall not determine whether the proposed appropriation is inconsistent with this Resolution. The Council shall consider the actual purpose and intended use of the requested funds.

SECTION 5.

The Council establishes a policy against appropriating discretionary county matching funds or other county financial contributions for grants primarily intended to acquire, install, operate, or maintain ALPR technology.

The Council further establishes a policy against approving new discretionary appropriations for ALPR-related expenditures funded by federal, state, or private grants when such funds are subject to the Council's lawful appropriation authority.

Nothing in this section shall impair an existing enforceable grant obligation or override a specific statutory requirement governing restricted funds.

SECTION 6.

This Resolution shall apply prospectively and shall not automatically terminate an existing enforceable contract or invalidate a lawful financial obligation previously incurred by Vigo County.

The Council establishes a policy against approving new discretionary appropriations for the renewal, expansion, replacement, or extension of existing ALPR equipment, software, or services after the effective date of this Resolution.

Any proposed expenditure required to satisfy an existing contractual obligation shall be separately identified and presented to the Council with supporting documentation.

SECTION 7.

The Council requests that any county department, elected official, board, or agency seeking discretionary appropriations for law enforcement equipment, surveillance technology, information technology, software, or public safety infrastructure disclose whether the proposed expenditure includes or supports ALPR technology.

The Council may request documentation reasonably necessary to evaluate whether the proposed appropriation is consistent with this Resolution, including:

A. The identity of the vendor or service provider;

B. The purpose of the proposed expenditure;

C. The total initial and recurring costs;

D. The source of proposed funding;

E. The existence of any current contract or financial obligation;

F. Whether the equipment or software includes ALPR functionality;

G. Whether the proposed expenditure provides access to license plate data collected by another entity.

SECTION 8.

This Resolution shall not automatically apply to general-purpose computers, ordinary security cameras, vehicle cameras, dispatch systems, or other equipment that is not primarily acquired or used for automated license plate recognition.

However, an appropriation primarily intended to activate, license, enable, or add ALPR functionality to otherwise general-purpose equipment shall be subject to the fiscal policy established by this Resolution.

SECTION 9.

Nothing in this Resolution shall be construed to prohibit:

A. Expenditures expressly required by state or federal law;

B. Payment of existing enforceable contractual obligations;

C. Expenditures required by a final court order;

D. Expenditures necessary to comply with binding grant obligations lawfully incurred before adoption;

E. Expenditures from funds not subject to the Council's statutory appropriation authority;

F. Ordinary governmental services that the County is legally obligated to provide;

G. Expenditures necessary to respond to an emergency or immediate threat to public health or safety, to the extent required by law.

SECTION 10.

Nothing in this Resolution shall be construed to:

A. Transfer law enforcement operational authority to the Vigo County Council;

B. Prohibit an elected county official from exercising powers independently granted by Indiana law;

C. Supersede the lawful contracting authority of the Vigo County Board of Commissioners;

D. Restrict the independent statutory authority of municipalities, state agencies, or other political subdivisions;

E. Prohibit private individuals or businesses from possessing or using otherwise lawful technology;

F. Establish a countywide operational ban on ALPR technology independent of the Council's statutory fiscal authority.

SECTION 11.

This Resolution establishes the prospective fiscal policy of the Vigo County Council concerning Automated License Plate Readers, associated software, surveillance systems, and related services.

The Council declares its intention not to approve discretionary appropriations or financial incentives inconsistent with this Resolution, to the extent permitted by Indiana law.

Any subsequent Council action departing from this policy should expressly identify the departure and the reasons supporting it.

Nothing in this Resolution shall eliminate the statutory discretion of the Council or its members, restrict the authority of a future Council to amend or repeal this policy, or substitute this Resolution for any separate appropriation action required by Indiana law.

SECTION 12.

If any provision of this Resolution is determined to be invalid or unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall remain effective to the extent permitted by law.

SECTION 13.

This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption by the Vigo County Council.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2026.