



RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE USE OF OVERT VIDEO MONITORING IN THE CITY'S WEED AND SEED AREAS FOR THE PREVENTION AND DETERRENCE OF CRIMINAL ACTIVITY.

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Justice sponsors the Weed and Seed program, a comprehensive multi-agency approach to law enforcement, crime prevention, and community revitalization; and

WHEREAS, the goal of Weed and Seed is to prevent, control, and reduce violent crime, drug abuse, and gang activity in targeted high-crime neighborhoods across the country; and

WHEREAS, the Weed and Seed strategy involves a two-pronged approach: law enforcement agencies and prosecutors collaboratively "weed out" violent criminals and drug abusers and public agencies and community-based private organizations work together to "seed" needed human services, including prevention, intervention, treatment, and neighborhood restoration programs; and

WHEREAS, the city and county of Honolulu ("city") has several Weed and Seed sites island-wide that include the Kalihi, Palama, Downtown Honolulu, Chinatown, Ala Moana, McCully, Waipahu and Ewa Beach neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, the council finds that the use of video surveillance cameras is a promising tool to help prevent, control, and reduce violent crime, drug abuse, and gang activity within the city's Weed and Seed sites; and

WHEREAS, subsection (a)(6) of Sec. 2-32.6 of the Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 1990, as amended ("ROH"), provides for the use of overt video monitoring of public activity by the city from fixed locations for purposes designated by the council by resolution, following the holding of a public hearing at which members of the public may express their views on the proposed monitoring and the proposed general area where the monitoring shall take place; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that the city is authorized to use overt video monitoring within the city's Weed and Seed sites in an effort to reduce crime in the Kalihi, Palama, Downtown Honolulu, Chinatown, Ala Moana, McCully, Waipahu and Ewa Beach neighborhoods; and



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BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the mayor, the managing director, the prosecuting attorney, the chief of police, the Legislative Liaison Office of the Honolulu Police Department, 801 South Beretania Street, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813, and Ms. Maile Kanemaru, Executive Director, Weed and Seed Hawaii, 94-440 Mokuola Street, Waipahu, Hawaii 96797.

INTRODUCED BY:

Hon. Bono (BR)

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

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Councilmembers