

A BILL

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To create, on an emergency basis, a rebate program for the installation and registration of a security camera system on the exterior of a building owned or leased by a resident, business, nonprofit, or religious institution and to establish a special fund to implement the rebate program.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Private Security Camera Incentive Program Emergency Act of 2016.”

Sec. 2. Private security camera system incentive program.

(a) Pursuant to section 7 of the Fiscal Year 2015 and Fiscal Year 2016 Revised Budget Request Temporary Adjustment Act of 2015, enacted on October 22, 2015 (D.C. Act 21-171; 62 DCR 13979), there is established a Private Security Camera System Incentive Program (“Program”), to be administered by the Mayor, to encourage the purchase and installation of a security camera system (“system”) on the exterior of a building owned or leased by a resident business, nonprofit, or religious institution, and to require registration of the system with the Metropolitan Police Department.

(b) To be eligible for the rebate provided for in this section, a property owner or lessee shall:

(1) After September 22, 2015, purchase and install a system on the exterior of the building;

1 (2) Register the system with the Metropolitan Police Department;
2 (3) Submit a rebate claim in accordance with Program rules promulgated pursuant
3 to subsection (d); and

4 (4) Meet all requirements and criteria provided for in Program rules promulgated
5 pursuant to subsection (d).

6 (c) (1) Upon approval of a rebate claim, the Program shall provide a rebate as follows,
7 provided that the amount of the rebate shall not be more than the purchase price of the system:

8 (A) Up to \$200 per camera installed on the exterior of a residential
9 building, with a maximum rebate of up to \$500 per residential address; or

10 (B) Up to \$200 per camera installed on the exterior of a business,
11 commercial, nonprofit, or religious institution, with a maximum rebate of up to \$750 per address.

12 (2) Rebates shall be contingent upon availability of funds.

13 (3) No rebates shall issue until the Mayor promulgates rules pursuant to
14 subsection (d).

15 (d) The Mayor, pursuant to Title I of the District of Columbia Administrative Procedure
16 Act, approved October 21, 1968 (82 Stat. 1204; D.C. Official Code § 2-501 *et seq.*), and in
17 accordance with this section, shall issue rules to implement this program, including:

18 (1) Requirements for proof of purchase and system verification;

19 (2) Procedures for registering a system with the Metropolitan Police Department,
20 including an agreement to be signed by the recipient providing that the recipient shall not use the
21 system to intentionally record specific individuals conducting lawful activity; and

1 (3) Identification of priority areas for Program eligibility, provided that the
2 priority areas include at least one area in each Ward identified by crime levels and other public
3 safety indicators in the corresponding police service area.

4 (e) Any rebate issued under this act shall not be considered income for purposes of
5 District of Columbia income tax.

6 (f) For the purposes of this section, the term “security camera system” means one or
7 more outdoor surveillance cameras with functioning digital video recording capability.

8 Sec. 3. Private Security Camera Incentive Fund.

9 (a) There is established as a special fund the Private Security Camera Incentive Fund
10 (“Fund”), which shall be administered by the Mayor in accordance with subsections (c) and (d)
11 of this section.

12 (b) Revenue from the following sources shall be deposited in the Fund:

13 (1) Funds appropriated by the District;

14 (2) Grants;

15 (3) Donations from the public; and

16 (4) Donations from private entities.

17 (c) Money in the Fund shall be used to implement the Private Security Camera Incentive
18 Program (“Program”), including:

19 (1) Providing rebates to eligible participants; and

20 (2) Appropriate overhead or administrative expenses related to the Program and
21 the Fund.

1 (d)(1) The money deposited into the Fund, and interest earned, shall not revert to the
2 unrestricted fund balance of the General Fund of the District of Columbia at the end of a fiscal
3 year, or at any other time.

4 (2) Subject to authorization in an approved budget and financial plan, any funds
5 appropriated in the Fund shall be continually available without regard to fiscal year limitation.

6 Sec. 4. Fiscal impact statement.

7 The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement of the Budget Director as the fiscal impact
8 statement required by section 4a of the General Legislative Procedures Act of 1975, approved
9 October 16, 2006 (120 Stat. 2038; D.C. Official Code § 1-301.47a).

10 Sec.5. Effective date.

11 This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the
12 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), and shall remain in effect for no longer than
13 90 days, as provided for emergency acts of the Council of the District of Columbia in section
14 412(a) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 788;
15 D.C. Official Code § 1-204.12(a)).