

Effective September 25, 2019

**CITY OF UNION CITY
COUNTY OF HUDSON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY
ORDINANCE NO. 2019-10**

**ORDINANCE REQUIRING SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS FOR
ALL LIQUOR LICENSE ESTABLISHMENTS**

WHEREAS, the City of Union City ("City") has determined that there have been a number of reported and unreported criminal incidents outside of establishments selling alcohol within the City; and

WHEREAS, some of the issues plaguing the City are those of public drinking, panhandling, altercations, loitering and narcotic activity outside of establishments selling alcoholic beverages; and

WHEREAS, the City of Union City seeks to prevent criminal behavior and protect the public inside and outside of establishments that sell alcoholic beverages within the City by requiring property owners to install security camera systems which view the entranceway, exit, as well as the front perimeter of same extending to the curblin and parking lot, if any, of such establishments in order to deter and record such behavior; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of the City of Union City, County of Hudson, State of New Jersey, they being the Governing Body thereof, as follows:

SECTION ONE:

- A. Any holder of an Alcoholic Beverage Control license ("Licensee"), which permits the sale of alcoholic beverages within the City, shall place and maintain security cameras that can monitor and record all entrances and exits of the establishment, as well as the front perimeter of the same extending to the curblin and parking lot if within licensee's care and control. The security camera system and placement of surveillance cameras must be approved by the Union City Police Department.
- B. Surveillance of the entranceway and surrounding outdoor areas shall be recorded twenty-four (24) hours per day, seven (7) days per week. Any cameras located inside the facility shall be required to record only during business hours.
- C. Video footage from said camera systems shall be retained for at least a period of sixty (60) days.
- D. The recordings contained therein shall be made available to sworn officers of the Union City Police Department and the City's Alcoholic Beverage Control Inspector pursuant to any investigation being conducted regarding activity at or in the immediate area of the establishment in accordance with state law upon notice to the establishment.
- E. Licensees shall comply with this Ordinance within one-hundred and twenty (120) calendar days of its enactment.
- F. The failure to comply with any provision of this Ordinance shall result in an initial penalty to the Licensee in the amount of \$500. Licensees are subject to an additional \$500 penalty for each thirty (30) day period wherein the violation is continuing.

SECTION TWO:

Effective September 25, 2019

Severability. If any term or provision of this Ordinance is held to be illegal, invalid, or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, in whole or in part, such determination shall not affect the validity of the remaining terms and provisions of this Ordinance.

SECTION THREE:

Repealer. To the extent that any provision of the Code of the City of Union City is found to conflict with this Ordinance, in whole or in part, this Ordinance shall control.

SECTION FOUR:

In order to avoid accidental repeal of existing provisions, the City Clerk and the Corporation Counsel are hereby authorized to change any chapter numbers, article numbers and/or section numbers in the event that the codification of this Ordinance reveals that there is a conflict between those numbers and the existing Code.

SECTION FIVE:

This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication as required by law.

Commissioners	Yea	Nay	Abstain/Present	Absent
Lucio P. Fernandez	x			
Wendy A. Grullon	x			
Celin J. Valdivia	x			
Maryury A. Martinetti	x			
Mayor Brian P. Stack	x			

I HEREBY CERTIFY this to be a true and correct Ordinance of the City of Union City Board of Commissioners, introduced on April 16, 2019 and was further considered and adopted after a Public Hearing held on April 30, 2019 at the Holy Cross Armenian Church, 2610 Bergenline Avenue, Union City, New Jersey.

INTRODUCED: April 16, 2019

ADOPTED: April 30, 2019

ATTEST:

Erin Knoedler
City Clerk

DATE