

BLOOMINGTON COMMISSION ON SUSTAINABILITY AND RESILIENCE

September 8, 2026

Mayor Kerry Thomson
City of Bloomington
401 N. Morton Street
Bloomington, Indiana 47404

Re: Status of the City's transition away from Flock Safety products and services

Dear Mayor Thomson:

The Bloomington Commission on Sustainability and Resilience (BCOSR) respectfully requests an update on the status of the City's transition away from Flock Safety products and services. The Commission brings this request pursuant to BMC 2.02.120(h)(2), which charges it to advise and make recommendations to the Common Council, the city administration, and city boards and commissions on policies and programs that infuse the work of city government with an operating philosophy based on sustainability and community resilience, and in follow-up to BCOSR Resolution 2026-02¹, which the Commission adopted unanimously on March 10, 2026. At its regular meeting on September 8, 2026, the Commission voted 9-0 to transmit this request.

The Commission recognizes the significance of the decision announced on April 15, 2026² not to renew the City's agreement for Flock license plate reader services, and notes the Office of the Mayor's confirmation in late July that all license plate readers have been removed³. The questions below are informed by supportive public comment and contract documents the City released in response to public records requests and by payment records published on the City's financial transparency portal. The Commission asks them so that it may accurately advise the Common Council and the administration on this matter, as contemplated by BMC 2.02.120(h)(2).

The Commission respectfully requests responses to the following:

1. Status of equipment.

The April 15, 2026 announcement disclosed 11 permanently mounted license plate reader cameras, four permanently mounted video cameras, and four mobile trailer systems. The Office of the Mayor's late-July statement addressed the license plate readers, and the Commission has not identified a subsequent public statement addressing the video

¹ [BCOSR Resolution 2026-02](#)

² [News Release: "City of Bloomington Transitions Away from Flock Use After Months-Long Evaluation"](#)

³ [B Square Bulletin: "Monroe County Commissioners Vote To End Flock Contract; Remove Six License Plate Cameras"](#)

cameras or the mobile trailers, which the City's agreements indicate remain the property of Flock Group Inc.

For each category of equipment disclosed on April 15, 2026, on what date did the equipment cease operating, and has it been removed and returned to Flock Group Inc.? If any equipment remains installed or in the City's possession, what is the anticipated timeline for its removal or return? For equipment that remains, what are the plans to block functionality pending removal?

2. Status of the October 2025 agreement. An order form⁴ executed on or about October 1, 2025 between Flock Group Inc. and the Bloomington Police Department provides for a 24-month initial term, an annual recurring amount of \$90,000, and a contract total of \$180,000, and provides that it renews automatically unless either party gives notice of non-renewal at least 30 days before the end of the then-current term.

Is that agreement currently in effect? What is its expiration date, and has the City given notice of non-renewal? The Commission would welcome a copy of the operative agreement and of any notice of non-renewal or, if more convenient, a citation to where these are publicly available.

3. Relationship between agreements. The same order form provides, under Special Terms, that "[t]his Agreement supersedes any and all previously executed agreement between the Parties, relating to the provision of services by Flock to Customer," and that "[u]pon execution of this Agreement, all previously executed agreements pertaining to the Services provided shall run coterminous with the Term of this Agreement."

How does the expiration of the license plate reader services agreement on March 5, 2026 relate to that provision? The Commission has not been able to reconcile the two and would appreciate additional insight.

4. Agreements currently in effect. The City's published payment records⁵ include a payment of \$15,000 on February 28, 2025 for four Flock Condor PTZ cameras and an implementation fee, and a payment of \$12,000 on January 16, 2026 described as year two of service for those cameras. The Commission has not located an order form or agreement governing that purchase.

Please identify every agreement, order form, addendum, or subscription between the City of Bloomington and Flock Group Inc. that is currently in effect, together with its term and expiration date, including the instrument governing the Condor PTZ cameras. The Commission would welcome copies or, if more convenient, citations to where they are publicly available.

5. Access to the Flock Safety Platform. The October 2025 order form includes a subscription to the Flock Safety Platform (Essentials), the described features of which

⁴ [INV-76020 and accompanying purchase form](#)

⁵ [Bloomington Open Finance Platform](#)

include Community Network Access, State Network and Nationwide Network license plate lookup, and Law Enforcement Network Access. These capabilities operate independently of cameras owned or operated by the City.

Do the Bloomington Police Department or any other City department or personnel currently have access to the Flock Safety Platform, including any of the network features described above? If such access has been terminated, on what date was it terminated?

6. Data disposition and replacement technology. The April 15, 2026 announcement stated that the City would evaluate other technologies and providers. Common Council Resolution 2026-04⁶, adopted March 4, 2026, paused expansion of the City's automated license plate reader program and stated the Council's intent to develop a surveillance governance ordinance.

Has the City sought or obtained confirmation from Flock Group Inc. that data collected by City cameras has been deleted, and do any provisions of the City's agreements grant Flock Group Inc. a continuing right to retain or use that data following termination? Separately, does the City plan to, or has the City entered into, or begun negotiating, any agreement with any vendor for automated license plate reader technology or comparable surveillance systems?

The Commission would be grateful to receive a written response by Friday, October 9, 2026, so that it may consider the response at its regular meeting on October 13, 2026. If the City is unable to provide a response to any individual item, the Commission would appreciate an indication of the reason. In addition to a written response, the Commission would welcome the opportunity to receive a briefing from the administration at one of its regular meetings.

We appreciate the administration's attention to this matter and look forward to your response.

Respectfully,



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⁶ [Bloomington Common Council Resolution 2026-04](#)