

# ATTN: BAR AND BUSINESS OWNERS

## Proposed Ordinance Requires All Alcoholic Beverage Outlets Install Federally Monitored Surveillance Cameras, Weakens Protections For Businesses

### What is it?

Ordinance #32,107, proposed by Councilwomen Stacy Head at the request of Mayor Landrieu.

### What does it do?

- 1) Requires all Alcoholic Beverage Outlets (ABOs) to install exterior surveillance cameras that are monitored 24/7 by the NOPD and 'security partners', including Homeland Security and the FBI. If the ordinance passes, businesses will likely lose their alcohol license if they do not comply.
- 2) If an ABO is convicted of a violation, even for litter, they could be forced to install interior surveillance cameras as well. These cameras would also be monitored.
- 3) All footage would be uploaded and saved to a 'Cloud' based system for a minimum of two weeks, with no maximum time limit. This footage could also be used as evidence against a business if they are accused of any violations.
- 4) Business owners would be forced to pay for the cameras, installation, and data storage. This would likely exceed \$600 per camera, plus a recurring monthly fee.
- 5) It changes the complaint system against alcoholic beverage outlets. If this ordinance passes, 5 written complaints within a *half mile radius* could trigger review by the ABO Board. This would make it much easier for the city to close any ABO.

### How can we stop it?

Currently, the ordinance is scheduled for public comment and a vote at the January 11<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting. That meeting will be held at Orleans Parish School Board offices at 3520 General DeGaulle Drive in Algiers. You can also call and e-mail the City Council with your opposition to Ord. 32,107.

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