



On May 12, 2015, the City of Cedar Rapids amended Municipal Code Chapter 60A, which became enforceable on May 12, 2016.

### As a business, what does this mean?

With the amendment of the municipal code, the types of businesses that are required to install and maintain a video surveillance system (VSS) have increased to include the following:

- Bank or Credit Union
- Carry Out Food and Drink
- Coin Dealer
- Convenience Store
- Delayed Deposit Services
- Firearm Dealer
- Hotel or Motel
- Liquor or Alcohol Business
- Mobile Communications Retailer
- Money Transmission Service
- Pawn Broker
- Pharmacy
- Scrap Metal Dealer

Along with installing and maintaining the VSS, the following are additional requirements:

- Must have a camera dedicated to each register/check-out stand, each entrance/exit and at least one on the exterior facing the parking lot
- Must be a Digital Video Recorder (DVR) based system
- If analog, must be at least D1 resolution (704x480) and record a minimum of 7 frames per second
- Analog based cameras must be positioned to capture "head and shoulder" (60% of image) at entrances and exits
- High Definition DVR must record at least 720P (1280x720) and record a minimum of 5 frames per second
- Must have enough storage to retain data for 30 days
- Must be time stamped
- Must be locked and secured
- Must possess the ability to view and retrieve data while system remains in operation

This chapter was enacted to reduce the likelihood that employees and patrons of affected businesses could be exposed to injuries and/or potential death resulting from crime occurring on the premises. In addition, it is intended to assist law enforcement with the criminal investigation of crime on the premises of the businesses that are subject to this ordinance.

*To review the complete ordinance, please visit:*

[http://www.cedar-rapids.org/local\\_government/departments\\_a\\_-\\_v/police/surveillance\\_camera\\_ordinance.php](http://www.cedar-rapids.org/local_government/departments_a_-_v/police/surveillance_camera_ordinance.php)

**Thank you for your attention to this important matter.**

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