

**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
CITY OF LONDON
ORDINANCE NO. 2026-04**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING A PORTION OF ORDINANCE 2025-15 RELATING TO
BODY CAMERA FOOTAGE REQUIREMENTS**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF LONDON, KENTUCKY AS FOLLOWS:

Section I

Section II of Ordinance 2025-15, relating to body camera footage is amended to read in full as follows:

To ensure accountability and public trust, as well as to protect law enforcement officers from false accusations, all law enforcement officers of the City of London Police Department shall be equipped with body worn cameras, which, unless an exception herein applies, shall be worn ~~[and activated]~~ at all times when on duty (including any paid details)~~[-, and at no time shall such be turned off unless required by law].~~

Body cameras need not be worn by (i) undercover officers; (ii) officers working a detail where they are attached to a FBI, DEA, or ATF task force; or (iii) the Chief of Police or Major/Assistant Chief of Police when within the station unless obtaining a recorded statement during the course of an internal investigation.

Unless required by federal or state law, body cameras shall be activated at all times recording both video and audio, and not turned off: (i) during any call for service from the time of the call until the call is cleared; (ii) during any times lights and sirens are activated; (iii) during any traffic or investigatory stop; (iv) during any arrest situation and kept activated until custody is relinquished of any arrestee; (v) during the period of any warrant execution and activated prior to arrival at the scene of any warrant execution; (vi) in any interrogation situation or situation where a subject is being questioning including voluntary encounters; (vii) when obtaining any statement during an internal or professional standards investigation; (viii) at all times when performing any protection detail.

Any such body camera footage shall be retained for a minimum of 30 calendar days.

In the event of:

- (i) any felony or misdemeanor arrest or charge, such footage related to that arrest shall be maintained while any charges are pending and for at least 90 calendar days thereafter;
- (ii) for any charged violation, including traffic violations, such footage related to the violation shall be maintained while any charges are pending and for at least 60 calendar days thereafter;

- (iii) an active investigation into any crime or other matter, such footage related to the investigation shall be maintained during the period of investigation, and for at least 60 calendar days thereafter;
- (iv) any complaint, internal or external, regarding the behavior of any member of the police department, such footage related to the complaint shall be maintained during the pendency of such complaint, and for a period of at least 90 days thereafter;
- (v) any known investigation involving any member of the City of London Police Department, including any investigation performed by any federal or state law enforcement agency, the County Attorney, or Commonwealth's Attorney, such footage related to the matter under investigation shall be maintained during the pendency of such investigation, and for a period of at least 180 days thereafter;
- (vi) any litigation, threatened litigation, or preservation request related to litigation from any attorney, footage related to the matter that is the subject of the litigation shall be maintained until the later of (1) conclusion of the litigation, or (2) the period of time for any statute of limitations related to the litigation has run; and then for at least 60 days thereafter; and
- (vii) upon the request of the Mayor or the City Council, footage of any incident relating to the request shall be retained until the request is rescinded;
- (viii) Nothing in this section shall prevent any longer period of retention of such footage deemed appropriate by the London Police Department.

~~[Notwithstanding any other provision of law,]~~ ~~[u]~~ Unless the release of body worn camera footage would impair an active investigation into a crime or an active prosecution or an active internal investigation, or is otherwise protected from disclosure under federal or state law, all such footage shall be subject to release upon receipt of a request therefore, subject only to payment for any actual out of pocket costs for postage, flash drives, or CD materials. In the event that release would impair an active investigation into a crime or an active prosecution or active internal investigation, the requestor shall be informed of that fact, and informed of an approximate timeframe when the investigation or prosecution is expected to be concluded~~[within ten days of when the investigation or prosecution has ended].~~

Section II: Effective Date, Repealer, and Invalidity Provision

This ordinance shall be effective upon publication. Further, any ordinances in conflict with this ordinance be repealed to the extent of such conflict. If any section, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance is held unconstitutional or otherwise invalid, such infirmity shall not effect the validity of the remaining ordinance.

Mayor Randall Weddle

Attest: _____
Ashley Taylor, City Clerk

First Reading: January 7, 2026

Second Reading: _____, 2026

Publication Date: _____, 2026