

STATE OF GEORGIA

COUNTY OF FULTON

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN THE CITY OF SANDY SPRINGS, GEORGIA, ON BEHALF OF ITS
POLICE DEPARTMENT, AND THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, DRUG
ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION, REGARDING
LICENSE PLATE READER INFORMATION**

WHEREAS, in 2019, Mayor and City Council for the City of Sandy Springs (“City”) established a priority to leverage the use of technology to reduce crime; and

WHEREAS, the Sandy Springs Police Department (“SSPD”) continues to look for ways to expand the scope and effectiveness of its crime reduction strategies through enhanced technology; and

WHEREAS, SSPD has determined that the use of license plate reader (“LPR”) cameras assists and aids in crime reduction in the City and, pursuant to approval of the Mayor and Council, has caused to be installed LPR cameras at strategic locations throughout the City; and

WHEREAS, the Drug Enforcement Administration (“DEA”) National License Plate Reader Program (“NLPRP”) Tactical Alert and Query system (“DEASIL”) is a law enforcement tool utilizing LPR-collected data to assist with criminal investigations to include drug trafficking and other illegal activities associated with the drug trade; and

WHEREAS, the DEA NLPRP is a collection of federal, state, local, and tribally owned license plate reader cameras linked by DEA’s DEASIL system, to build a national tactical alert and query system; and

WHEREAS, the goal of the system is to assist with criminal investigations occurring on high-level drug and money trafficking corridors and other public roadways throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, SSPD currently has two (2) officers assigned to a DEA Federal Task Force and one (1) officer assigned to the Department of Homeland Security Investigations Task Force; and

WHEREAS, SSPD would like to enhance its partnership with the DEA by entering into the attached Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the DEA to provide for SSPD to share its LPR data; and

WHEREAS, this partnership will enhance the NLPRP, making it a stronger investigational tool for all federal, state, local, and tribal agencies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Sandy Springs, Georgia, while in regular session on July 21, 2020, at 6:00 p.m., that:

1. The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is hereby approved in the form attached hereto; and
2. The City Manager is hereby authorized to execute the MOU in the form attached hereto; and

3. The Police Chief and the City Attorney are hereby authorized to take such actions as shall be deemed necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this the 21st day of July, 2020.

Approved:



Russell K. Paul, Mayor

Attest:



Raquel D. González, City Clerk

