

LET THE PUBLIC DECIDE

ON FLOCK SURVEILLANCE IN YANCEY COUNTY

Yancey County has begun installing Flock automatic license plate reader (ALPR) cameras without prior public discussion.

Flock Safety is a private, for-profit company that installs AI-driven cameras to track vehicles and collect data on people's movements. That data is stored in a searchable system and accessed through paid subscriptions by law enforcement agencies.

This means Yancey County is using public resources to participate in a growing network of mass surveillance operated by a private company.

BEFORE EXPANDING THIS SYSTEM, RESIDENTS DESERVE CLEAR ANSWERS:

- Why were these cameras installed without a real public discussion?
- What will this system cost Yancey County taxpayers now and in the future?
- Who has access to this data, and how is it shared or used?
- What oversight exists to prevent misuse or abuse?
- What happens when the technology is wrong or gets used in ways the public never agreed to?
- Even if current leadership can be trusted, what about the next sheriff or outside agencies?

When new surveillance technology enters our daily lives, the public deserves a chance to decide whether we want it at all before it becomes normalized and permanent.

WE ARE CALLING ON YANCEY COUNTY OFFICIALS TO:

- Pause further installation of Flock cameras
- Hold a public hearing before any further expansion
- Disclose all costs, contracts, and data policies
- Establish clear public oversight and accountability

WHY THIS MATTERS

This is about whether a private, AI-driven surveillance system becomes part of daily life in Yancey County without the public ever being asked.

People who live here should have a say before something like this becomes normal and permanent - especially when it involves public resources, personal data, and long-term decisions about how our community is governed.

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