

RESERVE TOWNSHIP

RESOLUTION NO. 789

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN ALLEGHENY COUNTY
DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND THE TOWNSHIP OF RESERVE**

WHEREAS, the Township of Reserve desires to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Allegheny County District Attorney to establish procedures for the dissemination of video and audio recordings in accordance with legislation enacted by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, specifically Act 22 of 2017.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by authority of the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Reserve, Allegheny County, that the Chief of Police, Reserve Township Police Department, is hereby authorized and directed to sign the attached Memorandum of Understanding between the Allegheny County District Attorney and the Township of Reserve, and the Township Manager be authorized and directed to attest the same.

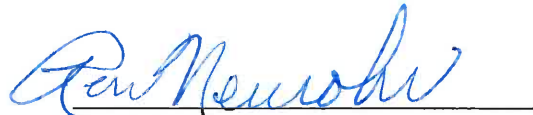
BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED, this 16th day of December 2024.

ATTEST:



Mia A. Shores
Township Secretary

TOWNSHIP OF RESERVE



Ron Neurohr, President
Board of Commissioners

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
Attachment to Reserve Township Resolution #789

THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING, made and entered into this 16th day of December, 2024, by and between the Township of Reserve, hereinafter the “Township”

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THE ALLEGHENY DISTRICT ATTORNEY, hereinafter, the “DA”,

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the Township and the DA agree that the contemporaneous recording of police interaction with members of the public provides an objective and transparent record of the encounter; and

WHEREAS, experience has shown that permitting the public to see and or hear the actions of police officers while on duty advances trust in the community; and

WHEREAS, the use of vehicle mounted and body worn cameras provide vital, and often best evidence in criminal cases, as well as provide the public with a clear view of police activities; and

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Legislature has enacted legislation to regulate the dissemination of such video and audio recordings and assigned the District Attorney of each county the right to review and intervene to ensure and/or prevent the dissemination of such recordings to protect the integrity of criminal investigations and prosecution; and

WHEREAS, the parties are desirous of disseminating such recordings pursuant to the enacted legislation in a timely and efficient fashion.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties hereto agree as follows:

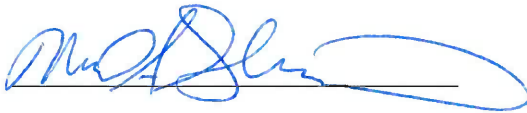
1. The Township agrees to refer all requests for recordings, audio and/or video, relating to criminal and non-criminal matters as soon as possible but in no event more than 10 days within receipt of the request.
2. In addition, the Township shall provide a copy of the request, the audio and/or video recording, all reports, the criminal complaints filed, and any agreements with any witnesses or informants, if any, relating to the requested recording.
3. Before the Township releases any video/audio recordings pursuant to a request relating to criminal matters, the Township shall notify the DA and provide access to the un-redacted recording for review, as well as any proposed redacted copy or a summary of what should be redacted.

4. For purposes of this review, "criminal and non-criminal matters" shall not include summary traffic offenses nor allegations of police misconduct, unless such allegations are the subject of a criminal investigation or prosecution.
5. All notices to the DA shall be provided electronically through the cloud-based services Dropbox.com or Evidence.com.
6. The DA agrees to provide assistance and consult with the Township in all requests for video and/or audio recording relating to criminal and non-criminal matters regardless of whether the Township intends to approve the request.
7. Whenever the Township receives notice of a petition for judicial review on a request for production of video/audio recordings related to a criminal matter, the Township shall immediately provide notice that the petition has been filed to the DA's designated review officer as well as a copy of the petition.
8. This Agreement shall enter into effect immediately upon its signature by both parties. Either party may terminate this Memorandum of Understanding upon thirty (30) days' written notice to the other party.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this **CONSENT AGREEMENT** to be duly executed by their appropriate officers on the date first written above.

ATTEST:

Township of Reserve



BY: 

APPROVED:



President, Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY

BY: _____
District Attorney