

## CHAPTER 2026-48

### Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 504

An act relating to code inspector body cameras; creating s. 162.41, F.S.; defining terms; requiring a governmental entity that permits its code inspectors to wear body cameras to establish certain policies and procedures; requiring such governmental entity to ensure that certain training occurs, to retain certain data in accordance with public records laws, and to perform a periodic review of actual body camera practices; providing that certain provisions relating to the interception of wire, electronic, and oral communications do not apply to body camera recordings made by code inspectors; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Section 162.41, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

162.41 Code inspector body cameras; policies and procedures.—

(1) As used in this section, the term:

(a) “Body camera” means a portable electronic recording device worn on a code inspector’s person which records audio and video data of the code inspector’s encounters and activities.

(b) “Code inspector” has the same meaning as in s. 162.04(2).

(2) A governmental entity that permits its code inspectors to wear body cameras shall establish policies and procedures addressing the proper use, maintenance, and storage of body cameras and the data recorded by body cameras. The policies and procedures must include all of the following:

(a) General guidelines for the proper use, maintenance, and storage of body cameras.

(b) Any limitation on which code inspectors are permitted to wear body cameras.

(c) Any limitation on code enforcement-related encounters and activities in which code inspectors are permitted to wear body cameras. A code inspector must be permitted to use a body camera to record any encounter with a member of the public which occurs while the inspector is performing his or her duties.

(d) General guidelines for the proper storage, retention, and release of audio and video data recorded by body cameras.

(3) A governmental entity that permits its code inspectors to wear body cameras shall do all of the following:

(a) Ensure that all personnel who wear, use, maintain, or store body cameras are trained in the governmental entity's body camera policies and procedures.

(b) Ensure that all personnel who use, maintain, store, or release audio or video data recorded by body cameras are trained in the governmental entity's policies and procedures.

(c) Retain audio and video data recorded by body cameras in accordance with the requirements of s. 119.021, except as otherwise provided by law.

(d) Perform a periodic review of actual body camera practices to ensure conformity with the governmental entity's body camera policies and procedures.

(4) Chapter 934 does not apply to body camera recordings made by code inspectors who elect to use body cameras.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.

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