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RE: Notice of Intent to Register Automated License Plate Reader System(s) and Certification of Compliance – ESSB 6002, Chapter 239, Laws of 2026

Dear Attorney General Nick Brown:

The City of Tacoma Police Department (the “Agency”) submits this letter as formal notice of its intent to register its Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) system(s) with your office pursuant to Section 3(5) of Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 6002 (ESSB 6002), Chapter 239, Laws of 2026, effective March 30, 2026. This letter also serves as the Agency head’s intent to certify its ALPR system for use pending (a) potential vendor modifications to comply with the law; (b) the Attorney General’s Office clarification of the law and guidance through model policy; and (c) submission of completed registration forms, which are pending publication by your office. The City of Tacoma Police Department acknowledges that many details are still pending. Nonetheless, we are submitting this letter to maintain transparency, meet the legal obligation to register, and when technically feasible, certify a compliant ALPR system.

1. Agency Information

Agency Name: City of Tacoma Police Department

Agency Type: Municipal Police Department

Jurisdiction: City of Tacoma limits, Pierce County, WA

Agency Head: Patricia Jackson, Chief of Police

ALPR Program Contact: Patrick Patterson, Captain, (253) 591-5942, ppatterson@tacoma.gov

Mailing Address: 3701 S Pine Street, Tacoma, WA 98404

Date of This Notice: June 1, 2026

2. ALPR System(s) Subject to Registration

The Agency currently operates, or intends to operate, the following ALPR system(s):

#	System/Vendor Name	System Type (Fixed/Mobile /Portable)	Number of Units	Locations Deployed	Date of Deployment/Planned Date
1	Axon Enterprises, Inc.	Mobile (dashcam integrated)	242	Mobile (dashcam integrated)	Currently inactive. Unknown future deployment date

3. Certification of Intent to Comply

Pursuant to Section 3(5)(a) of ESSB 6002, I, Patricia Jackson, Chief of Police of the Tacoma Police Department, hereby give notice of the intent to certify the system meets all the requirements of ESSB 6002 pending additional actions:

- (a) **Statutory Compliance:** The ALPR system identified in Section 2 of this letter does not currently meet all requirements of ESSB 6002. The Agency is in talks with the vendor to modify the ALPR system to meet all requirements including authorized use limitations, data retention requirements, prohibited practices, recordkeeping, and audit requirements.
- (b) **Adopted Policy:** The Agency has a written policy governing the use of ALPR systems that will be modified, pending future system changes, to be consistent with the requirements of ESSB 6002. A copy of the Agency's current ALPR policy is attached to this letter.
- (c) **Training Program:** The Agency has established a documented training process for all officers and personnel who will access, operate, or use the Agency's ALPR system(s) and will modify the training pending future system changes to be consistent with the requirements of ESSB 6002.

Training records are maintained by the Agency and available for inspection upon request.

(d) Public Website Publication: The Agency’s ALPR policy will be published on the Agency’s public website at [https://public.powerdms.com/TACOMAPD/tree] prior to or coincident with ALPR system operation.

(e) Public Awareness: Prior to or coincident with implementation, the Agency has taken, or will take, measures to promote public awareness of its ALPR system use, consistent with Section 8(2)(b) of ESSB 6002.

4. Requested Action

The Agency respectfully requests the following from your office:


1. Acknowledgment of this letter as timely notice of intent to register under Section 3(5) of ESSB 6002
2. Transmittal of the approved ALPR registration form(s) referenced in Section 3(5)(a) of ESSB 6002
3. Notification of any stakeholder comment periods, working groups, or other input opportunities associated with development of the model ALPR policies

The Agency is committed to full compliance with ESSB 6002 and to working constructively with your office in its implementation. We welcome the opportunity to discuss any of the issues raised in this letter.

Please direct all correspondence related to this matter to:

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Respectfully,

Signed by:

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Patricia Jackson
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05/20/2026

Date

Attachments: Exhibit A – Current Agency Automated License Plate Reader System Policy