



Privacy Notice: Cork City Council CCTV Monitoring for Waste and Litter Enforcement

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Introduction

Cork City Council (“CCC”) is committed to protecting your privacy and ensuring compliance with the **General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)** and other applicable data protection laws. This privacy notice explains how CCC uses CCTV footage collected for waste and litter enforcement purposes, your rights regarding this data, and how we safeguard your privacy.

Who We Are

Cork City Council, with its offices located at City Hall, Anglesea Street, Cork, T12 T997, is the **Data Controller** for the processing of personal data through CCTV monitoring systems deployed for waste and litter enforcement. Our contact details are:

- **Phone:** +353 21 4924000
- **Data Protection Officer (DPO) email:** dataprotection@corkcity.ie

Why We Use CCTV

Cork City Council uses CCTV monitoring systems for the following purposes:

- To prevent illegal dumping and ensure compliance with waste management and litter legislation.
- To detect and investigate waste and litter offences under the Waste Management Act 1996 and the Litter Pollution Act 1997.
- To prosecute offenders who breach waste and litter regulations.
- To promote cleaner and safer communities by deterring environmentally harmful activities.

We ensure that all CCTV monitoring is targeted, proportionate, and limited to these specific purposes.

Legal Basis for Processing

The legal basis for processing CCTV footage for waste and litter enforcement is provided under:

- Circular Economy and Miscellaneous Provisions Act 2022
- Article 6(1)(e) of GDPR: Processing is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest or in the exercise of official authority.
- Section 70 of the Data Protection Act 2018: Processing for the purposes of law enforcement.
- Waste Management Act 1996 and Litter Pollution Act 1997: Specific provisions for waste and litter enforcement.

What Data We Collect

The CCTV systems may collect the following types of data:

- Visual images: Footage of individuals, vehicles, and activities within the monitored area.
- Vehicle registration details: Captured when vehicles are involved in illegal dumping. We do not use ANPR.

We do not collect audio recordings as part of our CCTV monitoring systems.

Where We Monitor

CCTV cameras are deployed in specific areas identified for their waste and litter problems. These areas are determined based on historical evidence of illegal dumping or high levels of complaints.

Clear signage is installed at the entry to all monitored areas to inform the public of CCTV usage.

Who We Share Your Data With

Cork City Council may share CCTV footage with:

- Law enforcement agencies: For the detection, investigation, and prosecution of waste and litter offences.
- Waste enforcement personnel: For operational purposes.
- Legal representatives or the courts: Where footage is required as evidence for prosecution.
- Data processors may be engaged to operate a CCTV system and process CCTV data on our behalf. When this happens, we will ensure a data processing agreement (DPA) is in place to protect your data.

All data sharing is conducted under strict agreements to ensure your privacy is protected.

How We Protect Your Data

Cork City Council implements robust measures to ensure the security of your personal data, including:

- **Encryption:** All footage is securely encrypted during transfer and storage.
- **Access Control:** Only authorized personnel can access CCTV footage.
- **Retention Policies:**
 - Footage is retained for no longer than **28 days**, unless identified for investigation or legal proceedings.
 - Identified footage may be retained for up to **12 months** or longer until enforcement and legal proceedings are exhausted including appeals.
- **Deletion:** All footage is permanently deleted once it is no longer required.

Your Rights

Under GDPR, you have the following rights regarding your personal data:

1. **Right to Access:** You can request access to any personal data we hold about you.
 2. **Right to Rectification:** You can ask us to correct any inaccurate or incomplete data.
 3. **Right to Erasure:** You can request that we delete your personal data, subject to legal exceptions.
 4. **Right to Restrict Processing:** You can request limits on how we process your data.
 5. **Right to Object:** You can object to the processing of your data where it is not required for legal purposes.
- To exercise these rights, contact our Data Protection Officer.
Phone: +353 21 4924000 **email:** dataprotection@corkcity.ie

How to Make a Complaint

If you have concerns about how we process your personal data, you can:

1. Contact our Data Protection Officer (DPO)
2. Lodge a complaint with the Data Protection Commission (DPC):
 - Website: www.dataprotection.ie
 - Phone: +353 1 765 01 00 or 1800 437 737
 - Address: 21 Fitzwilliam Square South, Dublin 2, D02 RD28

For further information in relation to Cork City Council's Data Protection Policy & Privacy Statement, please go to <https://www.corkcity.ie/en/council-services/public-info/gdpr/>

If you require a paper copy of either document, please contact us on 021 4924000 or email dataprotection@corkcity.ie

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