

**COUNCIL ACTION FORM**

**SUBJECT: KINGLAND CAMPUS PROPERTIES REQUEST TO PLACE  
TEMPORARY SECURITY CAMERA ON CITY PROPERTY**

**BACKGROUND:**

On January 14, 2014, City Council referred a request from Kingland Campus Properties in Campustown to temporarily mount a security camera on the Southeast traffic signal pole at Lincoln Way and Welch Avenue. This camera is part of Kingland's security plan for the demolition and reconstruction of their properties. The camera would be in use for the duration of the project, which is estimated to begin early spring 2014 and take 18 to 24 months.

Public Works and Police Department staff met with Jeff Gorbball, Kingland's Managing Director, to discuss the security plan in greater detail. There are important items to note that were identified at that meeting. One is that the need to place a camera on City property is due to the fact that buildings in Campustown are built up to their property lines. Therefore, a camera facing the exterior of the building cannot be mounted on-site. Additionally, the camera would primarily be facing inward towards the Kingland project itself, since it is intended for security of the work site. Mr. Gorbball also stated in the meeting that Ames Police staff would have access to video recordings if needed.

Kingland has agreed to pay the City for the cost of power used by the camera while in use. Considering the small amount of power necessary to run the camera, staff will estimate the power consumption and invoice Kingland periodically through the course of the project. The City would require similar insurance and liability protection as is used in issuing standard City encroachment permits.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Approve the request from Kingland Campus Properties to place a temporary security camera on City property and approve issuance of a temporary encroachment permit for this purpose.
2. Reject the request from Kingland Campus Properties.

**MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

By approving this request, the City would be helping ensure the safety on the Kingland project site and for other Ames citizens and visitors who frequent this area. Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1 as stated above.

# Kingland Campus Properties

January 9, 2014

The Honorable Mayor Ann Campbell and City Council Members  
City of Ames  
City Hall  
515 Clark Ave.  
Ames, IA 50010

RE: Kingland Campustown Redevelopment Security Plan

Dear Mayor Campbell and City Council Members:

Per the development agreement between Kingland Campus Properties and the City of Ames, we are required to submit a security plan for our construction site. With the long-term nature of our project, part of our security plan includes a plan for video cameras and recorded video encompassing the entire site. However, our current locations available for placement of cameras leave a hole in the northwest corner of our coverage plan.

Discussions with city staff traffic engineer have identified a potential to use the stoplight pole at the corner of Welch and Lincoln Way. While there are no identified ordinances against the use of a stoplight pole for this purpose and the traffic engineer supports this, we desire to raise the question to the Council as we believe this would be a precedent.

Our proposed use of the pole would be to clamp a mounting bracket to the pole, so no structural integrity of the pole would be compromised. The mounting bracket would hold a small domed camera and wireless repeater with combined weight of an estimate of 5 pounds. The wireless adapter would require access to 110VAC electrical power (available at the pole), and would include low voltage connection to the camera. We would work with city staff to ensure any electrical power consumption (estimated to be very minimal) would be paid by us.

The view area of the camera would include the edges of our construction area bordering the pedestrian area of the far east side of Welch Avenue and the far south edge of the pedestrian area of Lincoln Way, both views extending from the corner of Welch and Lincoln Way. Exhibit A provides a visual depiction of the proposed coverage area.

We have also discussed this plan with the Ames Police Department and they are supportive of our plans. We have made known to them our planned coverage area, along with our recording plans and indicated that we would make these recordings available to the Ames PD in the event our coverage were to capture an event of interest to them. Our primary intent for this coverage is to ensure that we have adequate and complete coverage of our entire construction site for safety and security purposes.

We are hopeful that you'll agree that the security plan should provide complete coverage of the area and allow our non-intrusive use of the stoplight pole and respectfully request your support and direction to city staff for review and subsequent approval. Our construction project is scheduled to begin March 3<sup>rd</sup> and we would like to have the cameras installed in advance.

Thank you.  
Sincerely,



Jeff Gorball  
Managing Director

Cc: Damion Pregitzer, Traffic Manager  
Lt Dan Walter, Ames Police Department



Proposed location of camera  
on stoplight pole

Construction zone

