

19 cameras. No vote. No contract. No rules.

Douglas County runs 19 license-plate cameras at nine locations around Superior, on a free trial the public never approved. From the county's own records:

1 No contract, no payment

A free trial: no signed contract, no money paid. The county is applying for grant funds to make it permanent.

2 No written policy

No written rules govern who can search the data or for what. Plate data defaults to 30-day retention, with no policy behind it.

3 No public portal

Residents cannot see who searched their plate, when, or why. Neighboring Bayfield publishes a portal. Douglas has not.

4 No public vote

This surveillance went up with no public hearing and no vote by the county board.

5 Your plate leaves the county

The county's own sharing list sends plate data to police in Texas (Fort Worth), Minnesota, Michigan, tribal agencies, and across Wisconsin.

All findings from Douglas County's own public records (Wisconsin open records request, July 2026).

Decide it in the open.

This is not about having something to hide. The county is seeking grant money to pay a private, out-of-state company to track everyone who drives through, with no rules and no way to opt out. The easiest time to stop it is before it is ever paid for.



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