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New White Plains Law Calls For Video Surveillance Systems To Aid Police

Beginning in February, 2015, establishments in White Plains, NY, will be required to install and maintain high quality video surveillance systems, and make them available to police on demand.

(White Plains, NY) — In an effort to improve public safety and security, and to aid police with criminal investigations, a new law has been passed that requires certain merchants to install and maintain digital video camera systems to view and record quality video of everyone who enters, and to make those videos available to police on demand. The new law, scheduled to go into effect in February of 2015, affects approximately 250 businesses in White Plains. Business owners who fail to comply to these new requirements may face up to 15 days in jail, and fines of up to \$250 per day.

“There’s been a mixed response to the law” says Robert Williams, President of Briscoe Protective Systems, a fire alarm and integrated security company serving the White Plains area. “A few weren’t pleased about having to upgrade, but we’ve found that most businesses are either happy to help keep the city a little safer, or had plans on increasing security anyway, so this just gives the smaller business encouragement to do it sooner rather than later. It gives the business owner a greater sense of security, and anyone planning to cause trouble some pause.”

The new law requires the systems for pharmacies; any business licensed to sell alcohol; pawn shops; licensed secondhand dealers who buy and sell precious metals; check cashing businesses; and businesses open between midnight and 4 a.m.

Similar laws are on the books in Milwaukee, Chicago, San Francisco and other cities across the country. New York City's cabaret law also includes a video surveillance requirement.

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