

Co-op Coalition Survey: Security Cameras (7-2023)

17 co-ops responded.

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Subject: CO-OP SURVEY - SECURITY CAMERAS (REP) (DUE 7-28)

A coalition member wants to know about the cost and use of security cameras among our members. Please reply by July 28, 2023. We are providing a three-week response window during the summer vacation period to maximize replies.

Thanks in advance for helping another Coalition member. The questions follow:

- 1) does your coop have security cameras on cooperative premises (internal/external)?
- 2) did you take advantage of the security camera rebate with DC government?
- 3) what is the annual cost for maintenance and upkeep of the security system?
- 4) do you have a policy on disclosing security camera footage to law enforcement, other residents, members?

Best regards,

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<50 units	1) does your coop have security cameras on cooperative premises (internal/external)? Yes, (2) external and (1) internal. 2) did you take advantage of the security camera rebate with DC government? We intend to do so, limit of (1) camera. 3) what is the annual cost for maintenance and upkeep of the security system? We use Nest (Google) cameras. Annual subscription for each camera plus wifi fees. 4) do you have a policy on disclosing security camera footage to law enforcement, other
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	<p>residents, members? No policy currently exists. Cameras are in public areas, and all members may have access upon request.</p>
<50 units	Our building does not have security cameras
<50 units	We do not have security cameras. Our Board has considered their installation in the past and is aware of the D.C. rebate, but felt that we did not have a need for them.
<50 units	<p>1) does your coop have security cameras on cooperative premises (internal/external)? YES - both internal and external</p> <p>2) did you take advantage of the security camera rebate with DC government? Yes - for our initial install a few years ago, we are attempting to get an additional rebate as we've recently upgraded our system</p> <p>3) what is the annual cost for maintenance and upkeep of the security system? Minimal. The only cost is the internet that is utilized. We purchased the system (equipment including cameras and dvr, etc) outright</p> <p>4) do you have a policy on disclosing security camera footage to law enforcement, other residents, members? YES. It was recently updated to reflect updates to our system.</p>
<50 units	We do not have security cameras anywhere on the premises.
<50 units	<p>1. Yes, we have interior and exterior cameras on both building entrances.</p> <p>2. Not that I am aware of.</p> <p>3. Our annual security costs are about \$1,850, but that includes more than just the security camera system. Not able to tease out the cost for the camera system alone.</p> <p>4. We have no written policy on disclosing camera footage. To my knowledge, we have been asked only once to disclose footage. The DC police asked for our exterior front door footage when they were investigating an incident (not involving anyone in our Co-op) that occurred in front of our building and they thought the camera may have caught something. We provided the footage from the time of the incident.</p>
<50 units	<p>1) does your coop have security cameras on cooperative premises (internal/external)? Yes, both inside and out</p> <p>2) did you take advantage of the security camera rebate with DC government? No</p> <p>3) what is the annual cost for maintenance and upkeep of the security system? The system is closed-circuit and re-records periodically. There is virtually no maintenance or upkeep required.</p> <p>4) do you have a policy on disclosing security camera footage to law enforcement, other residents, members? Not at the moment, but we are seeking advice form legal counsel on what is permitted and we will adjust our house rules accordingly. The issue of privacy arose among some residents after it became known that one shareholder installed their own private "Ring" security camera on their unit door</p>

<50 units	<p>1) does your coop have security cameras on cooperative premises (internal/external)? NO</p> <p>2) did you take advantage of the security camera rebate with DC government? NO</p> <p>3) what is the annual cost for maintenance and upkeep of the security system? N/A</p> <p>4) do you have a policy on disclosing security camera footage to law enforcement, other residents, members? N/A</p>
<50 units	<p>1) does your coop have security cameras on cooperative premises (internal/external)? Yes, we have cameras on the building exterior that cover each of the exterior doors and also the driveway and parking lot. Interior cameras cover lobby, front desk, common laundry room and trash room.</p> <p>2) did you take advantage of the security camera rebate with DC government? No, our system was installed prior to the rebate program.</p> <p>3) what is the annual cost for maintenance and upkeep of the security system? I budget \$1000 annually to repair or replace equipment. We do not itemize the small monthly charge for electricity.</p> <p>4) do you have a policy on disclosing security camera footage to law enforcement, other residents, members? We readily share footage with law enforcement when they are investigating criminal activity in our neighborhood (exterior cameras show some sections of a rear alley and also front sidewalk in addition to our parking areas.) We use our discretion when sharing footage with residents/members. For example, if a resident reported that their car was damaged while parked on our property we would provide footage for their police report and insurance claim filing. We did share with residents and neighboring buildings several images of a person repeatedly loitering near our doors attempting to gain unauthorized entry. We would not share footage of residents going about their regular lawful business.</p>
50-200 units	<p>1) does your coop have security cameras on cooperative premises (internal/external)? Yes, we have security cameras, both internal and external.</p> <p>2) did you take advantage of the security camera rebate with DC government? No.</p> <p>3) what is the annual cost for maintenance and upkeep of the security system? Annual budget for security is \$600.</p> <p>4) do you have a policy on disclosing security camera footage to law enforcement, other residents, members?</p>

	<p>We require board approval of requests to review and that at least two board members be present to review camera footage. We do not permit residents to view footage or be provided copies. The board permits law enforcement to review exterior footage, although our alley and street-facing cameras are focused mostly for our doors and thus provide a limited view of street activity.</p>
50-200 units	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Coop has had interior cameras for the last 10 years, added external about 5 years ago 2. No 3. Average upkeep \$250-\$500 annually 4. No
50-200 units	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) does your coop have security cameras on cooperative premises (internal/external)? 11 internal/ 3 exterior 2) did you take advantage of the security camera rebate with DC government? No 3) what is the annual cost for maintenance and upkeep of the security system? Time & Material = \$2000.00 approximately 4) do you have a policy on disclosing security camera footage to law enforcement, other residents, members? No policy but we always cooperative with law enforcement
50-200 units	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) does your coop have security cameras on cooperative premises (internal/external)? Yes. 2) did you take advantage of the security camera rebate with DC government? No, because we didn't know about this. 3) what is the annual cost for maintenance and upkeep of the security system? The total entry system maintenance is estimated around \$5k / year, however we have a property with many entrances. 4) do you have a policy on disclosing security camera footage to law enforcement, other residents, members? Yes
>200 units	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Internal and External. 2. No. 3. \$45,000 4. Yes. No release to members or residents.
>200 units	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) does your coop have security cameras on cooperative premises (internal/external)? Yes, we have internal cameras. 2) did you take advantage of the security camera rebate with DC government? No 3) what is the annual cost for maintenance and upkeep of the security system? We spend about \$2,500 a year but could be more if we must replace cameras. 4) do you have a policy on disclosing security camera footage to law enforcement, other residents, members? We don't have a policy that is in writing, but we always give law enforcement access to our cameras. We never give residents or members access to our cameras. If they need footage off the cameras, we will record the footage they need and send that to them.

<p>>200 units</p>	<p>1) does your coop have security cameras on cooperative premises (internal/external)? Cameras internally installed viewing the main entrance doors to the individual buildings.</p> <p>2) did you take advantage of the security camera rebate with DC government? No as cameras have been installed for many years.</p> <p>3) what is the annual cost for maintenance and upkeep of the security system? Between the occasional replacement of the camera and/or failed components - \$15,000 the service contract.</p> <p>4) do you have a policy on disclosing security camera footage to law enforcement, other residents, members? Not a written policy per ser, but the DC Police have been furnished footage (if/when needed). Residents do not routinely view camera footage; we view for them.</p>
<p>>200 units</p>	<p>1) does your coop have security cameras on cooperative premises (internal/external)? Yes.</p> <p>2) did you take advantage of the security camera rebate with DC government? No.</p> <p>3) what is the annual cost for maintenance and upkeep of the security system? Not disclosing.</p> <p>4) do you have a policy on disclosing security camera footage to law enforcement, other residents, members? We assist law enforcement, provide footage as requested.</p>