

# City Detect in Stockton — AI Street Cameras That Flag Blight for an Understaffed Code-Enforcement Team

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Quality score: 60/100

Evidence strength: Moderate

## Summary

Facing chronic understaffing, Stockton, California mounted AI cameras on city vehicles to scan streets for code violations. A five-day pilot flagged 4,000 violations at 2,000+ locations, leading the council to fund a contract and expand the programme city-wide as RISE.

## Key dimensions

| Dimension                                  | Score |
|--------------------------------------------|-------|
| Evidence of impact / measured public value | 2/3   |
| Transparency, fairness & accountability    | 1/3   |
| Transferability / demonstrated replication | 2/3   |
| Scalability beyond pilot                   | 2/3   |
| Governance, capability & sustainability    | 2/3   |

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## Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-08-26

[City of Stockton Code Enforcement Division, with vendor City Detect](#) — accessed 2026-08-26

[Smart Cities Dive — AI-powered cameras to sweep streets for code violations](#) — accessed 2026-08-26

[CBS News Sacramento — Stockton is first California city to use AI to bolster code enforcement](#) — accessed 2026-08-26

[Citizen Portal — Stockton council approves camera-based code-enforcement pilot, with education first](#) — accessed 2026-08-26

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