

EXTERNAL CONTEXT: PASCO COUNTY ENDS LICENSE-PLATE READER AGREEMENT

Pasco County, Florida - announced August 26, 2026

Important: This is an outside Florida comparison. It is **not evidence about Gulfport's conduct** and does not establish what Gulfport must do. It shows how another Florida jurisdiction responded after elected officials publicly reconsidered support for an ALPR program.

What happened

Pasco County Sheriff Chris Nocco announced that he would terminate the interlocal agreement that allowed license-plate detection systems to operate in county rights-of-way, effective September 30, 2026.

In his letter to county commissioners, Nocco said discussions at the August 11 and August 25 Board of County Commissioners meetings made clear that a majority of commissioners no longer supported the agreement, which the Board had originally approved unanimously on December 10, 2024.

What the Pasco example shows

Context point	Pasco County example
Elected-body review	County commissioners publicly questioned and reconsidered an agreement they had previously approved.
Change in support	The Sheriff cited loss of majority commission support as the reason for ending the interlocal agreement.
Effective end date	The agreement was scheduled to end September 30, 2026.
Privacy/public-safety balance	The Sheriff's Office defended its policy as an effort to balance investigative needs and privacy concerns, while commissioners and residents raised concerns about surveillance scope and data use.
Not a finding of illegality	The action was a policy/governance decision; it was not reported as a court ruling that the technology itself was unlawful.

Why it is relevant to Gulfport

Pasco County is useful as a Florida governance comparison because it demonstrates that elected officials can revisit an existing ALPR arrangement when public support, privacy concerns, or policy judgments change. The specific legal authority, contract language, and chain of command in Gulfport may differ, so Pasco should be used as context rather than as a legal template.

Sources

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[Pasco County sheriff Nocco ending Flock, license plate detection systems](#)

Pasco County local reporting - August 26-27, 2026

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