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## **The Week in Tech: What Should Your City Do if It's Hit by Ransomware?**

Hi, I'm Jamie Condliffe. Greetings from London. Here's a look at the week's tech news:

Imagine you're a mayor trying to spend your city's money wisely. You've heard about ransomware attacks, where hackers locking I.T. systems using encryption and demanding money for their release. But what should you do about them?

Ideally, you'd ensure systems are up-to-date and properly backed up. But it's "unrealistic" to expect many cities to afford big security overhauls, according to Gregory Falco, a cybersecurity entrepreneur who teaches at Columbia, Harvard and M.I.T. as well as researching at Stanford.

And it might never happen, right?

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