

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 535 AND HOUSE BILL 71
ENABLING ALL MUNICIPAL POLICE TO USE THE SAME MOTOR VEHICLE
SPEED-TIMING EQUIPMENT AS THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE**

Whereas, public protection is a principal reason why municipalities are established and exist; and

Whereas, municipal police and the Pennsylvania State Police are statutorily authorized to protect the public, primarily through the enforcement of the Crimes Code and Motor Vehicle Code; and

Whereas, all of the tools of law enforcement available to the Pennsylvania State Police area also available to municipal police, with one notable exception, that being radar; and

Whereas, Pennsylvania is the only state in the United States of America that gives its municipal police a law enforcement mandate and then prohibits them from using a common and effective piece of speed-timing equipment that the Pennsylvania State Police are permitted to use; and

Whereas, the inability of municipal police to use radar has resulted in uneven enforcement of the maximum speed laws across Pennsylvania, as well as contributed to Pennsylvania's distinction as the state with the 3rd highest number of speeding-related fatalities and the 3rd highest percentage of speeding-related fatalities to total fatalities in the country.

Now therefore, be it resolved this 13th day of April, 2016, that the Governing Body of the City of Altoona, Pennsylvania calls upon our Legislators for their support of Senate Bill 535 and House Bill 71 which would enable all municipal police, including the Altoona Police Department, to use the same motor vehicle speed-timing equipment (radar) as the Pennsylvania State Police.

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of the original.

Gina Pickens Kellerman
City Clerk

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Roll Call	Yeas	Nays	Roll Call	Yeas	Nays
Butterbaugh	✓		Jordan	✓	
Cacciotti	✓		Neugebauer	✓	
Cagle	✓		Mayor Pacifico	✓	
Haire	✓				
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Adopted _____

[Signature]
Mayor

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Date Signed

Attest *[Signature]*

APR 14 2016

City Clerk

Date Recorded