

**FILE OR THE CITY CLERK**

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 25 – 2014**

**INTRODUCED – MAY 13, 2014**

**ADOPTED BY COUNCIL – MAY 13, 2014**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER SUPPORTING SENATE BILL 1340 AND HOUSE BILL 1272 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

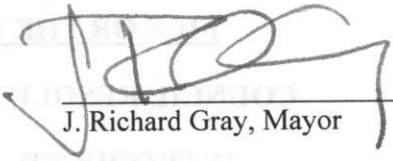
**WHEREAS**, all of the tools of law enforcement available to the Pennsylvania State Police are also available to municipal police, with one notable exception, that being radar; and

**WHEREAS**, Pennsylvania is the only state in the United States 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

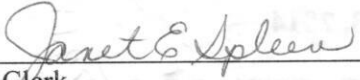
**WHEREAS**, the inability of municipal police to use radar has resulted in uneven enforcement of the maximum speed laws across Pennsylvania, as well as contributed to Pennsylvania's distinction as the state with the 3<sup>rd</sup> highest number of speed-related vehicle fatalities and the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest percentage of speed-related vehicle fatalities in the country.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and the Council of the City of Lancaster call upon the members of the Senate and House of Representatives of the General Assembly of Pennsylvania, and specifically Senator Lloyd K. Smucker, and Representative P. Michael Sturla, to support Senate Bill 1340 and House Bill 1272 which bills would enable all municipal police to use the same motor vehicle speed-timing equipment as the Pennsylvania State Police.

Duly adopted this 13<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2014, by the Council of the City of Lancaster, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, in lawful session duly assembled.

  
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J. Richard Gray, Mayor

Attest:

  
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City Clerk

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That adopted this 13<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2014, by the Council of the City of Lancaster, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, in session duly assembled.

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