

CITY OF NEW CASTLE, PENNSYLVANIA

RESOLUTION

R-2014-089

IN SUPPORT OF 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 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 third largest number of speed-related vehicle fatalities and the second highest percentage of speed-related vehicle fatalities in the country.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW CASTLE, PENNSYLVANIA, that the City of New Castle, Pennsylvania calls upon the Members of the Senate and House of Representatives of the General Assembly of Pennsylvania, specifically Senator Elder Vogel and Representative Chris Sainato, 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.

APPROVED this 22nd day of May, 2014.

VOTE: 5 to 0

CERTIFIED 23rd day of May, 2014.



City Clerk