

**BOROUGH OF EPHRATA**  
**Lancaster County, Pennsylvania**

**RESOLUTION 2014-5**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF EPHRATA 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 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; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of the Borough of Ephrata calls  
upon the Members of the Senate and House of Representatives of the General Assembly of  
Pennsylvania, and specifically, Senator Michael Brubaker and Representative Gordon Denlinger  
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 12<sup>th</sup> day of May 2014, by Borough Council of the Borough of Ephrata,  
Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, in lawful session duly assembled.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Dale L. Hertzog  
President of Borough Council

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Gail M. Bare  
Assistant Secretary