

RESOLUTION NO. 2014 - 2

A RESOLUTION 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 one of the paramount reasons why municipalities 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 the Motor Vehicle Code; and

WHEREAS, all of the tools of law enforcement available to the Pennsylvania State Police are also available to municipal police departments, excepting speed-timing radar equipment; 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 specific radar equipment, despite allowing the Pennsylvania State Police use of such equipment; 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 speed-related vehicle fatalities and the 2nd highest percentage of speed-related vehicle fatalities in the county.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Fleetwood, Berks County, Pennsylvania, and with approval by the Mayor of the Borough of Fleetwood that the Members of the Senate and House of Representatives of the General Assembly of Pennsylvania and specifically, Senator Judith L. Schwank, and Representative David M. Maloney should 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.

Attest: Corrie L. Collins Secretary
BOROUGH OF FLEETWOOD
By: [Signature] President of Council

APPROVED this 12 day of May, 2014.

[Signature]
Mayor