

**MUNICIPALITY OF MURRYSVILLE
WESTMORELAND COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
RESOLUTION NO. 624-14**

A Resolution of the Municipality of Murrysville, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, 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 Crime Codes and Motor Vehicle Code; and

WHEREAS, all the tools available to law enforcement and 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 an uneven enforcement of the maximum speed laws across Pennsylvania, as well as contributed to Pennsylvania's distinction of being the third highest number of speed related vehicle fatalities in the country.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that at a public meeting duly convened by Council, the Mayor and Council of the Municipality of Murrysville call upon the Members of the Senate and House of Representatives of the General Assembly of Pennsylvania, specifically Senator Don White, Representative Eli Evankovich, and Representative Joseph Markosek 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.

THIS RESOLUTION ADOPTED by the Council of the Municipality of Murrysville at a meeting held on the 21st day of May, 2014.