

BOROUGH OF PALMYRA

Lebanon County, Pennsylvania

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-19

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF PALMYRA, LEBANON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, TO 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, the Pennsylvania State Mayor's Association represents 1,020 mayors in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania: 958 borough mayors of which 15 are from home rule communities; 55 city mayors of which 34 are from home rule communities; 1 incorporated town, and; 6 home rule township mayors; and

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 3rd highest number of speed-related vehicle fatalities and the 2nd highest percentage of speed-related vehicle fatalities in the country.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by Borough Council of the Borough of Palmyra, Lebanon County, Pennsylvania, as follows:

Section 1. The Borough Council of the Borough of Palmyra, calls upon the Members of the Senate and House of Representatives of the General Assembly of Pennsylvania 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.

Section 2. A copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to Senator Mike Folmer and Representative Mauree Gingrich for their immediate action.

Section 3. This Resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately.

DULY ADOPTED this 22ND day of April, 2014 by Borough Council of the Borough of Palmyra, Lebanon County, Pennsylvania, in lawful session duly assembled.

BOROUGH OF PALMYRA
Lebanon County, Pennsylvania

Attest: Roger E. Powl
(Assistant) Secretary

By: [Signature]
(Vice) President
Borough Council

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