

**BOROUGH OF COLUMBIA
LANCASTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
RESOLUTION NO. 2019-20**

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING AUTHORIZATION FOR PA MUNICIPAL POLICE TO HAVE ACCESS TO THE SAME MOTOR VEHICLE SPEED-TIMING EQUIPMENT AS THE PA STATE POLICE

Whereas, public safety is one of the primary functions of municipal government; and

Whereas, motorists traveling at excessive speeds is a public safety concern; and

Whereas, driving in excess of the posted speed-limit is a violation of law; and

Whereas, speeding motorists on local roads is one of the most common safety concerns voiced by constituents to local elected officials; and

Whereas, municipal police are not authorized to use radar and LIDAR, the speed-timing tools used by the State Police including on the local roads they patrol; and

Whereas, Pennsylvania is the only state in the nation that prohibits municipal police from using radar and LIDAR which are considered the safest, most efficient, and most economical speed-timing devices; and

Whereas, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reported that nationally in 2015, 85% of all speeding-related traffic fatalities occurred on local roads where posted speeds are 55 miles or less per hour; and

Whereas, Pennsylvania has the distinction as the state with the worst record for speeding-related fatalities based upon statistics compiled by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration for 2015. Additionally, Pennsylvania had the 4th highest number of speeding-related fatalities; the 2nd highest percentage of speeding-related fatalities to total fatalities; and 2nd highest number of speeding-related fatalities on local roadways in the country; and

Whereas, it is a falsehood that municipalities will use these devices to generate local revenue as a municipality receives only a small portion of the base fine which does not cover the personnel costs of using these devices.

Therefore, be it resolved, for the reasons stated above, the Borough Council of the Borough of Columbia urges the General Assembly to allow all municipal police in all municipalities to use the same speed-timing devices that are provided to the PA State Police.

Be it further resolved, the governing body of Borough of Columbia urges its citizens who support local use of radar and LIDAR to contact Representative Hickernell and Senator Aument and express support for passage of authorizing legislation.

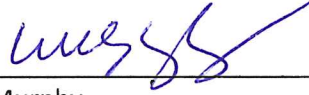
ADOPTED AND RESOLVED, by the Borough of Columbia in lawful session duly assembled on the 12th day of November 2019.

ATTEST:



Rebecca S. Denlinger
Borough Manager
Secretary/Treasurer

Columbia Borough Council



Kelly Murphy
Council President