

BOROUGH OF DORMONT
ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

RESOLUTION NO. 11-2014

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 1340
AND HOUSE BILL 1272 ENABLING 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.

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.

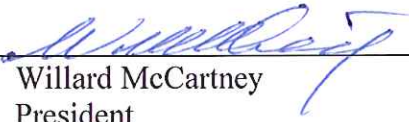
Now therefore, the Council of the Borough of Dormont calls upon its State Senator and
Representative to support Senate Bill 1340 and House Bill 1272 which would enable municipal
police to use the same motor vehicle speed-timing equipment as the Pennsylvania State Police.

RESOLVED this 5th day of May, 2014, by the Council of the Borough of Dormont.


ATTEST:

BOROUGH OF DORMONT

By: 
Jeff Naftal
Borough Manager

By: 
Willard McCartney
President

Examined and approved by me this 8TH day of May, 2014.

By: 
Phil Ross
Mayor