

**BOROUGH OF MOUNT JOY**  
**Lancaster County, Pennsylvania**  
**RESOLUTION NO. 6-14**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MOUNT JOY,  
LANCASTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, SUPPORTING SENATE BILL 1340 AND  
HOUSE BILL 1272, ENABLING ALL MUNICIPAL POLICE TO UTILIZE 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 the Motor Vehicle Code; and,

WHEREAS, all of the tools of law enforcement available to the Pennsylvania State Police are 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 which 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 third highest number of speed-related vehicle fatalities and the second highest percentage of speed-related vehicle fatalities in the country;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Mayor and the Council of the Borough of Mount Joy, call upon 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.

DULY ADOPTED this 5<sup>th</sup> day of May 2014, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Joy in lawful session duly assembled

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

(Assistant) Borough Secretary

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(Vice) President, Borough Council

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