

RESOLUTION 13-2014

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF CATASAUQUA, LEHIGH COUNTY, 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 Crimes Code and Motor Vehicle Code; and

WHEREAS, all the tool of law enforcement available to the Pennsylvania State Police are also available to municipal police, with one 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.

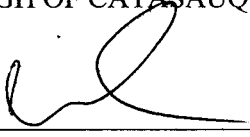
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Catasauqua as follows:

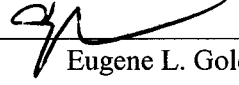
SECTION 1: That the Council of the Borough of Catasauqua calls upon the members of the Senate and House of Representatives of the General Assembly of Pennsylvania to support Senate Bill 1340 and House Bill 1272 which bills would enable all municipal police to use the same motor vehicle speed-timing equipment as the Pennsylvania State Police.

SECTION 2: That certified copies of this resolution shall be provided to the majority and majority leadership of both the Senate and House of Representatives of the General Assembly of Pennsylvania, and to the Lehigh Valley Legislative Delegation.

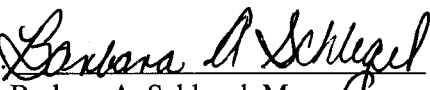
ADOPTED and APPROVED this 4th day of August, 2014.

BOROUGH OF CATASAUQUA

BY: 
Vincent P. Smith, Council President

ATTEST: 
Eugene L. Goldfeder
Secretary

APPROVED this 4th day of August, 2014.

BY: 
Barbara A. Schlegel, Mayor