BOROUGH OF EPHRATA  
Lancaster County, Pennsylvania  

RESOLUTION 2014-5  

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF EPHRATA 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, 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; and  

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Borough of Ephrata calls upon the Members of the Senate and House of Representatives of the General Assembly of Pennsylvania, and specifically, Senator Michael Brubaker and Representative Gordon Denlinger 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 12th day of May 2014, by Borough Council of the Borough of Ephrata, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, in lawful session duly assembled.  

By: 

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