RESOLUTION NO. 3-2016-01

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 535 AND HOUSE BILL 71
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 speeding-related
fatalities and the 3rd highest percentage of speeding-related fatalities to total fatalities in
the country.

Now therefore be it resolved this 11th day of March 2016, that the Mayor of the
Borough of Leetsdale calls upon the Members of the Senate and House of
Representatives of the General Assembly of Pennsylvania, and specifically, Senator
Matt Smith and Representative Tim Murphy to support Senate Bill 535 and House Bill
71 which bills would enable all municipal police to use the same motor vehicle speed-
timing equipment as the Pennsylvania State Police.

ATTEST:

Manager/Secretary

BOROUGH OF LEETSDALE

Mayor