



## RESOLUTION #8 - 2014

### A Resolution Supporting Local Use of Radar In Support of Senate Bill 1340 and House Bill 1272

A Resolution of Borough of West Chester, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, supporting Senate Bill 1340, introduced by Senator Randy Vulakovich (R – Allegheny/Butler), and House Bill 1272, introduced by Representative Harry Readshaw (D – Allegheny), 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 (Title 18) and Motor Vehicle Code (Title 75); 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

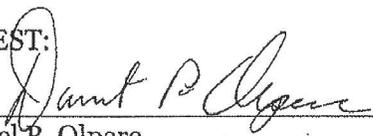
**WHEREAS**, Pennsylvania is the only state in the United States of America that gives its municipal police a law enforcement mandate and then prohibits them from using a common and effective piece of speed-timing equipment that the Pennsylvania State Police are permitted to use; and

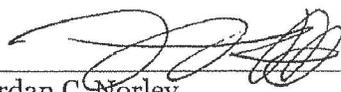
**WHEREAS**, the inability of municipal police to use radar has resulted in uneven enforcement of the maximum speed laws across Pennsylvania, as well as contributed to Pennsylvania's distinction as the state with the third highest number of speed-related vehicle fatalities and the second highest percentage of speed-related vehicle fatalities in the country; therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the *Borough of West Chester*, on this 28<sup>th</sup> day of May 2014, 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.

**BE IT RESOLVED** this 28<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2014.

ATTEST:

  
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Daniel P. Olpere  
Interim Borough Manager

  
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Jordan C. Norley  
President of Borough Council