

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-6

A RESOLUTION 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

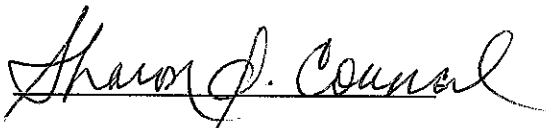
WHEREAS, municipal police and the Pennsylvania State Police are statutorily authorized to protect the public, primarily through the enforcement of the Crimes Code and the Motor Vehicle Code; and

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

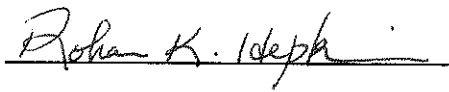
WHEREAS, Pennsylvania is the only state in the United States of America that gives its municipal police a law enforcement mandate and then prohibits them from using a common and effective piece of speed-timing equipment that the Pennsylvania State Police are permitted to use; and

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 of speed-related vehicle fatalities in the country.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, this seventeenth day of April 2014, that the Council of the Borough of Yeadon call upon the Members of the General Assembly of Pennsylvania, and specifically, Senator Anthony Williams and Representatives Ron Waters and Margo Davidson 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.



President Sharon Council



Mayor Rohan Hepkins



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