

RESOLUTION 2014-R-12

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LOWER ALLEN TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 1340 AND HOUSE BILL 1272 ENABLING 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 the notable exceptions of radar and LIDAR; 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 common and effective pieces of speed-timing equipment that the Pennsylvania State Police are permitted to use; and

WHEREAS, the inability of municipal police to use radar and LIDAR 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 Board of Commissioners of Lower Allen Township to call upon the Members of the Senate and House of Representatives of the General Assembly of Pennsylvania, and specifically, Senator Patricia H. Vance and Representative Sheryl M. Delozier to support Senate Bill 1340 and House Bill 1272, respectively, which bills would enable municipal police to use the same motor vehicle speed-timing equipment as the Pennsylvania State Police, providing that legislation similar to House Bill 38 is enacted.

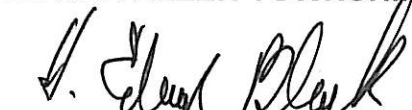
ADOPTED, into a Resolution this 12th day of May, 2014.

Attest:
(Corporate Seal)



John M. Eby
Assistant Secretary/Treasurer

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
LOWER ALLEN TOWNSHIP**



H. Edward Black
President