



City of Eustis

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TO: Eustis City Commission

FROM: Tom Carrino, City Manager

DATE: January 18, 2024

RE: Ordinance Number 24-11: Amending Chapter 90 – Traffic and Vehicles of the City’s Code of Ordinances, by creating new Article VII to be titled “School Zone Speed Enforcement;” authorizing the establishment of a speed detection system on roadways maintained as school zones within City limits

On July 1, 2023, House Bill 657, as codified under Chapter 2023-174 of the Laws of Florida, went into effect, authorizing municipalities to use speed detection systems in accordance with certain technical specifications established by the Florida Department of Transportation to enforce the speed limit in a school zone at specified periods.

Prior to utilizing speed detection systems to enforce eligible school zone speeding violations within its jurisdiction, municipalities are required to adopt an ordinance authorizing the placement and installation of speed detection systems and creating administrative and enforcement procedures for the use of speed detection systems at designated school zones. The municipality must determine whether a school zone constitutes a heightened safety risk that warrants additional traffic enforcement measures based on traffic data collected.

Ordinance 24-11 sets forth parameters for the establishment and implementation of a school zone speed enforcement program using speed detection systems to further protect the health, safety, and welfare of City residents. Among other matters, the Ordinance allows for local hearings for individuals who wish to contest violation notices and sets forth other administrative requirements such as annual reporting to City Commission and Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles.

Before beginning a school zone speed enforcement program, the City must make a public announcement and conduct a public awareness campaign of the proposed use of speed detection systems at least 30 days before commencing enforcement under the speed detection system program and must notify the public of the specifics. During the public awareness campaign only warnings may be issued to those individuals who commit a speed infraction captured by a speed detection system.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact at this time. Projected revenue and expenditures associated with the School Zone Speed Enforcement program will be provided to the City Commission when the contractual services are presented for approval.

RECOMMENDATION

Approval of Ordinance Number 24-11.

ATTACHMENTS

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Requesting Department: Eustis Police Department

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