

ORDINANCE NO. 24-1293

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKE FOREST PARK, WASHINGTON, AMENDING CHAPTER 10.06 AUTOMATIC TRAFFIC SAFETY CAMERAS, OF THE LAKE FOREST PARK MUNICIPAL CODE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Lake Forest Park is a non-charter optional municipal code city as provided in Title 35A RCW, incorporated under the laws of the state of Washington, and has the authority to regulate the use of City streets pursuant to RCW 35A.11.020; and

WHEREAS, the City has seen double digit increases in traffic safety infractions in school speed zones enforced with traffic safety cameras; and

WHEREAS, Engrossed Substitute House Bill 2384 takes effect on June 6, 2024, and allows fines in an amount not to exceed \$145 for infractions generated through the use of an automated traffic safety camera, and for fines to be doubled to \$290 for school speed zone infractions generated through the use of an automated traffic safety camera; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined it is in the interest of public safety and the welfare to establish greater fines as allowed by state statute.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKE FOREST PARK, WASHINGTON, DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. AMENDMENT. Lake Forest Park Municipal Code (“LFPMC”), 10.06.010, Automated traffic safety cameras – Detection of violations – Restrictions, is amended as set forth in the attached and incorporated Exhibit A to this Ordinance.

Section 2. AMENDMENT. LFPMC 10.06.050, Fine, is amended as set forth in the attached and incorporated Exhibit A to this Ordinance.

Section 3. SEVERABILITY. Should any portion of this ordinance, or its application to any person or circumstance, be declared unconstitutional or otherwise invalid for any reason, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance or its application to other persons or circumstances.

Section 4. CORRECTIONS. The City Clerk is authorized to make necessary corrections to this ordinance including, but not limited to, the correction of

scrivener's/clerical errors, references, ordinance numbering, section/subsection numbers and any references thereto.

Section 5. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall take effect June 7, 2024, which is more than five (5) days after passage and publication.

APPROVED BY A MAJORITY the Lake Forest Park City Council this XXX day of XXX, 2024.

APPROVED:

Thomas French
Mayor

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

Matthew McLean
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Kim Adams Pratt
City Attorney

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EXHIBIT A

10.06.010 Automated traffic safety cameras – Detection of violations – Restrictions.

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D. “Automated traffic safety camera” means a device that uses a vehicle sensor installed to work in conjunction with an intersection traffic control system or a speed measuring device, and a camera synchronized to automatically record one or more sequenced photographs, microphotographs or electronic images of the front or rear of a motor vehicle at the time the ~~whenever a~~ vehicle fails to stop when facing a steady red traffic control signal, or exceeds a speed limit ~~to a school speed zone~~ as detected by a speed measuring device.

10.06.50 Fine.

- A. The fine for an infraction detected under authority of this chapter shall be a base monetary penalty of ~~\$136~~ 145.00; ~~and provided further, that whenever, in the future, the state of Washington increases the fine imposed under this chapter, by legislation or court rule, the city's fine shall be increased to a like amount upon the effective date of such legislation or court rule.~~
- B. Provided that the fine for an infraction detected under authority of this chapter for school speed zone cameras shall be as follows:
1. a base monetary penalty of \$145.00 for the first offense, unless B.3 applies;
 2. a base monetary penalty of \$290 for repeat offenses; and
 3. a base monetary penalty of \$290 for any offense in excess of 11 miles per hour over the posted school zone speed limit.
- C. The base monetary fine for all infractions shall automatically be adjusted for inflation every five years, beginning January 1, 2029, based on the changes in the consumer price index as calculated by State Office of Financial Management for that time period.