# CITY OF LAKE FOREST PARK
# CITY COUNCIL
# AGENDA COVER SHEET

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| **Meeting Date** | October 22, 2026 |
| **Originating Department** | Executive |
| **Contact Person** | Thomas French, Mayor<br>Phillip Hill, City Administrator |
| **Title** | Ordinance 26-1324/Amending the Lake Forest Park Municipal Code Chapter 10.06, Automated Traffic Safety Cameras, regarding fines |

**Legislative History**

- First Presentation — October 1, 2026 Special Meeting
- Second Presentation — October 8, 2026 Regular Meeting
- Third Presentation — October 22, 2026 Regular Meeting

**Attachments:**

1. Ordinance 26-1324 amending LFPMC 10.06.050

**Executive Summary**

At the October 1, 2026 Special Meeting of the City Council, Mayor French asked the Council whether to raise fines for the automated school speed zone traffic safety cameras. The suggested fine increase for school speed zone camera fines is from $145 to $237 for speeds of 26-30 miles per hour (mph) and $290 for anything over 31 mph.

**Background**

Lake Forest Park Municipal Code 10.06.050 sets $145 as the base fine for school zone offenses, with a $290 fine for speeds exceeding the limit by more than 11 mph or a repeat offense. RCW 46.63.220(16) permits cities to double the base fine up to $290 in school speed zones.

The base fine for automated traffic safety cameras in general will remain $145. The proposed language would increase the fines for school speed zone safety cameras from $145 to $237 for anything over five miles per hour but not more than ten mph, and $290 for anything over 10 miles per hour.

## Fiscal & Policy Implications

The proposal increases the fine for a first offense at 26–30 mph in a 20-mph school speed zone by $92, from $145 to $237. It also applies the $290 fine starting at 31 mph. Actual revenue effects will depend on violation volume, driving behavior, collections, and applicable penalty reductions. Implementation may require updates to court and camera-vendor systems, public information, and the Lake Forest Park Municipal Code.

## Staff Recommendation

Review the draft ordinance and provide any amendments or changes to staff.