ORDINANCE NO. 26-1324

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKE FOREST PARK, WASHINGTON, AMENDING SECTION 10.06.050 OF THE LAKE FOREST PARK MUNICIPAL CODE, AUTOMATED TRAFFIC CAMERAS – DETECTION OF VIOLATIONS – RESTRICTIONS, FINES, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, in 2008 the City Council adopted chapter 10.06 in the Lake Forest Park Municipal Code ("LFPMC"**),** Automated Traffic Safety Cameras, as authorized by chapter 46.63 RCW; and

WHEREAS, RCW 46.63.220 and RCW 46.63.250 authorize cities to use automated traffic safety cameras to detect school speed zone violations, subject to statutory requirements; and

WHEREAS, the City has established an automated traffic safety camera program under Chapter 10.06 of the Lake Forest Park Municipal Code, with monetary penalties established in LFPMC 10.06.050; and

WHEREAS, RCW 46.63.220(16) establishes a maximum fine of $145 for automated traffic safety camera infractions and permits that amount to be doubled for school speed zone infractions, allowing a maximum fine of $290; and

WHEREAS, the City Council is interested in increasing the fines in school zones.

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

Section 1. AMENDMENT. LFPMC 10.06.050, Fines, shall be amended as follows:

LFPMC 10.06.050 FINES

A. The fine for an infraction detected under authority of this chapter shall be a base monetary penalty of $145.00.

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 $237.00 for an offense in excess of 5 miles per hour and not more than 10 miles per hour over the posted school zone speed limit , unless subsection (B)(2) of this section applies;

2. A base monetary penalty of $290.00 for repeat offenses; and

3. A base monetary penalty of $290.00 for any offense in excess of 10 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.

D. Except as provided in this subsection, registered owners of vehicles who receive notices of infraction for automated traffic safety camera-enforced infractions and are recipients of public assistance under RCW Title74 or participants in the Washington Women, Infants, and Children Program, and who request reduced penalties for infractions detected through the use of automated traffic safety camera violations, must be granted reduced penalty amounts of 50 percent of what would otherwise be assessed for a first automated traffic safety camera violation and for subsequent automated traffic safety camera violations issued within 21 days of issuance of the first automated traffic safety camera violation. Eligibility for Medicaid under RCW 74.09.510 is not a qualifying criterion under this subsection. Registered owners of vehicles who receive notices of infraction must be provided with information on their eligibility and the opportunity to apply for a reduction in penalty amounts through the mail or internet.

Section 2. 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 3. 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 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall take effect five (5) days after passage and publication.

APPROVED BY A MAJORITY of the Lake Forest Park City Council this ___ day of _____, 2026.

APPROVED:

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Thomas French
Mayor

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

Matthew McLean
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Kim Adams Pratt
City Attorney

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