

Ordinance No. 00257

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ORDINANCE NO. 257

AN ORDINANCE of the City Council of the City of Lakewood, Washington, authorizing the use of certified electronic signatures, and adding a specific infraction assessment for the City's Photo Infraction project, as an emergency Ordinance

WHEREAS, the City of Lakewood is embarking on a pilot program to utilize photo programs for speed and stop light enforcement; and,

WHEREAS, in connection with that program, the citations would be developed in conjunction with electronic programs tied to the photo radar and photo sensitive equipment for enforcement of speed and stop light violations at targeted locations within the City; and,

WHEREAS, the electronic records for the program have available to them the opportunity for citations to be developed automatically tied specifically to the violation detecting equipment; and,

WHEREAS, to avoid records handling challenges, and to assure prompt transferal of charging documents for such violations, the programs have available to them the opportunity for electronic signatures; and,

WHEREAS, state law, including, specifically, Chapter 19.34 of the Revised Code of Washington, provides for a mechanism whereby signatures of a city authority may be certified in electronic form; and,

WHEREAS, in connection with this pilot program, the availability of certified electronic signatures would enhance the effectiveness of the photo enforcement program; and,

WHEREAS, because the pilot photo enforcement program is scheduled to commence sooner than would be the case were the City to wait for this ordinance to become effective in the normal course, it is crucial that this ordinance become effective immediately, so that it can accommodate certified electronic signatures effective as of the commencement of the program; and,

WHEREAS, because this program is going to enhance the City's law enforcement efforts to address speeding violations on certain streets, particularly those adjacent to schools, and to address red light violations, the ordinance is necessary for the immediate preservation of public health and safety, and should be deemed and found to be an emergency ordinance, upon adoption of a majority plus one of the City Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD, WASHINGTON, DO ORDAIN as Follows:

Section 1. That in connection with the photo enforcement pilot program for stoplight and speed, the City Council of the City of Lakewood authorizes the appropriate law enforcement officers to utilize electronic signatures in accordance with the provisions of RCW 19.34.

Section 2. Severability. If any portion of this Ordinance or its application to any person or circumstances is held invalid, the remainder of the Ordinance or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected.

Section 3. Effective Date. That this Ordinance is deemed and found to be necessary for the preservation of public health and safety, and shall be effective immediately upon adoption by a majority plus one of the City Council.

ADOPTED by the City Council this 5th day of February, 2001.

CITY OF LAKEWOOD

Bill Harrison, Mayor

Attest:

Alice M. Bush, CMC, City Clerk

Approved as to Form:

Daniel B. Heid, City Attorney

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