

CITY OF FIFE, WASHINGTON

ORDINANCE NO. 1907

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIFE, PIERCE COUNTY, WASHINGTON, AMENDING SECTION 10.60.070 OF THE FIFE MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING PENALTIES FOR AUTOMATED SCHOOL SPEED ZONE ENFORCEMENT

WHEREAS, RCW 46.63.170 authorizes the use of automated traffic safety cameras for school speed zone enforcement by local governments, and allows local governments to set the penalty for violations as long as the penalty does not exceed the highest parking fine imposed by the local government; and

WHEREAS; the danger created by speeding in school zones increases with the increase in speed over the posted limits; and

WHEREAS, the fine imposed for automated school speed zone violations should correlate to the degree of speeding; and

WHEREAS, higher fines can be a greater deterrent to speeding in school zones; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that it is in the public interest, welfare, and safety, to institute a graduated fine for automated school speed zone enforcement under FMC 10.60.020; now, therefore

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIFE, PIERCE COUNTY, WASHINGTON DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 10.60.070 of the Fife Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

10.60.070 Fines.

A. The fine for stop light infractions committed pursuant to the provisions of this chapter shall be the same as the total penalty (base penalty plus statutory assessments) for violating RCW 46.61.050, as provided under RCW 46.63.110, but in no event shall the penalty exceed the amount of the highest fine assessed for parking infractions within the city.

B, The fine for school speed zone infractions committed pursuant to the provisions of this chapter shall be as follows:

<u>MPH Over Posted Speed</u>	<u>Fine Amount</u>
<u>1-10</u>	<u>\$101</u>
<u>11-15</u>	<u>\$132</u>
<u>16-20</u>	<u>\$173</u>
<u>21-25</u>	<u>\$224</u>
<u>26 or more</u>	<u>\$250</u>

Section 2. Each and every provision of this Ordinance shall be deemed severable. In the event that any portion of this Ordinance is determined by final order of a court of competent jurisdiction to be void or unenforceable, such determination shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions thereof provided the intent of this Ordinance can still be furthered without the invalid provision.

Section 3. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect five (5) days after publication as required by law. A summary of this Ordinance may be published in lieu of the entire Ordinance, as authorized by State law.

Introduced the 14th day of April, 2015.

Passed by the City Council on the 28th day of April, 2015.



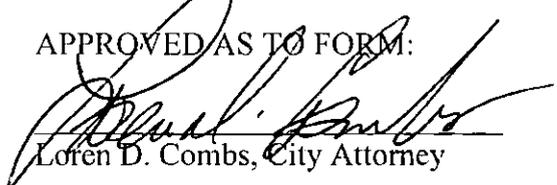
 Subir Mukerjee, City Manager

ATTEST:



 Carol Etgen, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



 Loren D. Combs, City Attorney

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