

**RESOLUTION NO. 761**

**BOROUGH OF MALVERN  
CHESTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

A Resolution of the Borough Council of the Borough of Malvern, Chester County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in support of Senate Bill 251 enabling all municipal police to use the same moto vehicle speed-timing equipment as the Pennsylvania State Police.

**WHEREAS**, public protection is a principal reason why municipalities are established and exist; and

**WHEREAS**, municipal police and the Pennsylvania State Police are statutorily authorized to protect the public, primarily through the enforcement of the Crimes Code and Motor Vehicle Code; and

**WHEREAS**, all of the tools of law enforcement available to the Pennsylvania State Police are also available to municipal police, with one notable exception, that being radar; and

**WHEREAS**, Pennsylvania is the only state in the United States of America that gives its municipal police a law enforcement mandate and then prohibits them from using a common and effective piece of speed-timing equipment that the Pennsylvania State Police are permitted to use; and

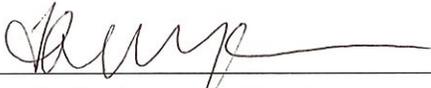
**WHEREAS**, the inability of municipal police to use radar has resulted in uneven enforcement of the maximum speed laws across Pennsylvania, as well as contributed to Pennsylvania's distinction as the state with the worst record for speeding related fatalities in the United States of America based upon statistics compiled by the National highway Traffic Safety Administration for 2015 in which Pennsylvania had the 4<sup>th</sup> highest number of speeding-related fatalities; the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest percentage of speeding related fatalities in total fatalities; and 2<sup>nd</sup> highest number of speeding-related fatalities on local roadways in the county.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Borough Council of the Borough of Malvern, Chester County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, calls upon the Members of the Senate and House of Representatives of the General Assembly of Pennsylvania, and specifically, Representative John Taylor, to support Senate Bill 251, which would enable all municipal police to use the same motor vehicle speed-timing equipment as the Pennsylvania State Police.

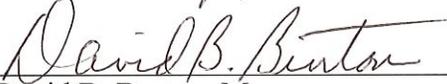
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Borough Council of the Borough of Malvern, Chester County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, specifically urges Representative John Taylor to report Senate Bill 251 out of the House Transportation Committee.

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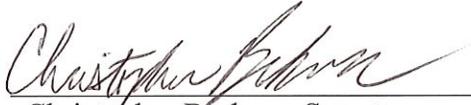
Passed by Borough Council,  
this 6 day of March, 2018.

  
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Jamie S. Grossman, President

Approved by the Mayor,  
this 6 day of March, 2018.

  
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David B. Burton, Mayor

Enacted,  
this 6 day of March, 2018.

  
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Christopher Bashore, Secretary