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TYPE OF ITEM: Consent

PRESENTED BY:

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SUBJECT/AGENDA TITLE:

A Bill For An Ordinance Amending Chapter 11 Of The Longmont Municipal Code Concerning Utilizing An Automated Vehicle Identification System

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Vision Zero is a strategy aimed at eliminating all traffic fatalities and severe injuries while increasing safe, healthy, and equitable transportation options for all. Automated Vehicle Identification Systems can help promote safer driving habits, reduce speed, and minimize the severity of accidents.

These automated vehicle identification systems would assist Longmont Police Services in maintaining an automated presence in automated vehicle identification system corridors. An automated vehicle identification system corridor is a street or location where data collected within the past five years indicates a need for enforcement due to incidents of crashes, speeding, reckless driving, or community complaints. These areas could be school zones, maintenance, construction, or repair zones designated pursuant to C.R.S. § 42-4-614. This could include streets that border a City park, are within residential neighborhoods, or along a street or portions of a street which the City designates as an Automated Vehicle Identification System Corridor as set forth in Sec. 11.04.095.

State law limits enforcement to the aforementioned locations and caps the amount of fines. Additionally, no points can be assessed to a person's driver's license.

The proposed ordinance complies with the State Law and Fine Schedule, supports Vision Zero's objectives, and helps address the community's concerns about traffic safety. By adopting these measures, we can make better use of our resources, enhance the safety of our streets, and work towards the goal of zero traffic fatalities and severe injuries in Longmont.

COUNCIL OPTIONS:

1. Approve Code changes recommended by City Staff.
2. Disapprove Code changes.

RECOMMENDED OPTIONS:

1. Approve code changes as submitted.

FISCAL IMPACT & FUND SOURCE FOR RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The City will purchase the equipment, while a contractor will issue summonses based on the automated vehicle identification data. All fines collected will be retained by the City Public Safety Fund.

BACKGROUND AND ISSUE ANALYSIS:

Traffic safety is a significant concern and a consistent complaint within the City of Longmont. As our community continues to grow, ensuring the safety of our streets becomes increasingly challenging. Vision Zero is a strategy aimed at eliminating all traffic fatalities and severe injuries while promoting safe, healthy, and equitable transportation options for everyone. To achieve this ambitious goal, effective and efficient traffic enforcement is crucial, especially for an already busy police department.

The proposed code changes are expected to facilitate better use of our limited staff resources, particularly when dealing with speed enforcement in school zones, maintenance, construction, or repair zones designated pursuant to C.R.S. § 42-4-614. These changes will also enhance enforcement efforts on streets bordering City parks, within residential neighborhoods, and along streets designated as automated vehicle identification system corridors as outlined in Sec. 11.04.095.

Automated Vehicle Identification Systems are vital tools that can help promote safer driving habits, reduce speed, and minimize the severity of accidents. By implementing these systems, Longmont Police Services can maintain an automated presence in critical areas without further straining our personnel. This approach not only improves the efficiency of our traffic enforcement but also allows our officers to focus on other essential public safety duties. An automated vehicle identification system corridor is defined as a street or location where data collected within the past five years indicates a need for enforcement due to incidents of crashes, speeding, reckless driving, or community complaints. The use of these systems in such areas ensures targeted enforcement where it is most needed, thereby enhancing overall traffic safety in our city. Furthermore, state law limits the enforcement locations to the aforementioned areas and caps the amount of fines. Importantly, no points can be assessed to a person's driver's license under this system, ensuring a fair and balanced approach to traffic enforcement.

ATTACHMENTS:

Att 1 - Ordinance