

**WEST NORRITON TOWNSHIP  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

**RESOLUTION #21-1669**

**A RESOLUTION BY THE WEST NORRITON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF  
COMMISSIONERS SUPPORTING HOUSE BILL 606 AND SENATE BILL 419  
ALLOWING LOCAL USE OF RADAR**

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**Whereas**, public safety is one of the primary functions of municipal government; and

**Whereas**, motorists traveling at excessive speeds is a public safety concern; and

**Whereas**, driving in excess of the posted speed-limit is a violation of law; and

**Whereas**, speeding motorists on local roads is one of the most common safety concerns voiced by constituents to local elected officials; and

**Whereas**, municipal police are not authorized to use radar and LIDAR, the speed-timing tools used by the State Police including on the local roads they patrol; and

**Whereas**, Pennsylvania is the only state in the nation that prohibits municipal police from using radar and LIDAR which are considered the safest, most efficient, and most economical speed-timing devices; and

**Whereas**, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reported that nationally in 2018 85% of all speeding-related traffic fatalities occurred on local roads where posted speeds are 55 miles or less per hour; and

**Whereas**, Pennsylvania has the distinction as one of the states with the worst record for speeding-related fatalities based upon statistics compiled by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration for 2018. Additionally, Pennsylvania had the 3<sup>rd</sup> highest number of speeding-related fatalities and the yct highest number of speeding-related fatalities on local roadways in the country; and

**Whereas**, it is a falsehood that municipalities will use these devices to generate local revenue as a municipality receives only a small portion of the base fine which does not cover the personnel costs of using these devices.

**Therefore, be it resolved**, for the reasons stated above, the Township of West Norriton urges the General Assembly to authorize the local use of radar.

**Be it further resolved**, the governing body of West Norriton Township urges its citizens who support local use of radar and LIDAR to contact Representative Nancy Guenst and Senator Maria Collett and express support for passage of House Bill 606 and Senate Bill 419.

**DULY PRESENTED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Commissioners of West Norriton Township, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, this      day of May, 2021.

Attest:

WEST NORRITON TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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Jason Bobst, Manager/Secretary

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Martin Miller, President