



RESOLUTION 18-365

Resolution Endorsing a Change in New Jersey State Legislation to Permit the Operation of Automated Traffic Enforcement Cameras by New Jersey Municipalities

WHEREAS, non-compliance by motorists of road traffic speed limits and red stop lights causes endangerment of road users, including pedestrians and cyclists; and

WHEREAS, despite substantial attention from the local police force, there is significant, ongoing concern on the part of many local citizens regarding excessive motorist speed on roads in Princeton; and

WHEREAS, municipalities in New Jersey are currently not permitted to operate automated equipment to enforce speed limits and observance of red traffic signals; and

WHEREAS, equivalent automated traffic enforcement equipment is used successfully in neighboring states, including New York State and Pennsylvania, to enforce traffic laws; and

WHEREAS, the The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), and Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) support a comprehensive approach to speed management; and

WHEREAS, the FHWA has affirmed that automated speed enforcement systems are “an important element in speed management and can be a very effective countermeasure to prevent speeding-related crashes” (DOT HS 810 916, 2008); and

WHEREAS, local municipalities are more able to ensure compliance with road traffic laws when equipped by the State with all possible enforcement measures.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of Princeton, as follows:

1. The Mayor and Council of Princeton endorse and support the passage of new legislation to authorize New Jersey municipalities to operate automated traffic enforcement equipment.
2. Princeton Council urges State Assembly Representatives Andrew Zwicker and Roy Freiman, and State Senator Christopher Bateman, to develop appropriate legislation to authorize the use of automated enforcement equipment by New Jersey municipalities.

Councilperson	Absent	Present	1 st	2 nd	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Disqualified
Mr. Cohen								
Ms. Howard								

Mr. Liverman								
Ms. Crumiller								
Mr. Quinn								
Ms. Fraga								
Mayor Lempert								

I, Delores A. Williams, Deputy Municipal Clerk of Princeton, do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Mayor and Council of Princeton at a meeting held October 22, 2018.

Delores A. Williams, Deputy Municipal Clerk