



Legislation Text

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Resolution to Support Increasing the Penalties for Speeding in School Zones

This resolution seeks Council approval of a recommendation from the Policy Agenda Committee to authorize the City Administrator to pursue the policy direction of increasing fines and point penalties for speeding in school zones. Upon Council adoption, The City Administrator will work with state elected officials, the City's lobbyists, and professional and peer associations to seek passage of the changes in state statutes.

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Whereas, The City Council has adopted the following initiatives and priorities for Fiscal Year 2018 (FY18):

- to build an engaged, affordable, and safe community,
- to ensure proper stewardship of public resources,
- to preserve a healthy and sustainable environment, and
- to develop integrated and accessible land use and transportation systems, and

Whereas, The Council formed a Policy Agenda Committee to develop a structured approach for engaging with the City's elected delegations at the County, State, and Federal levels and with other governmental and related entities;

Whereas, The Council has empowered its Policy Agenda Committee to develop and recommend to Council approaches to advancing the City's priorities and initiatives;

Whereas, In seeking to further these goals established by City Council, the City Administrator will initiate Council authorized actions to advocate for the amending state statute to increase the penalties for speeding violations in school zones;

Whereas, Increasing the penalties combined with the improvements in pedestrian safety that are currently in progress and increased police enforcement will result in safer routes to school; and

Whereas, This measure has been presented to and approved by the Ann Arbor Public Schools' Transportation Safety Committee;

RESOLVED, That the City Council endorses and supports the actions proposed by the City Administrator to seek increased penalties for speeding violations in school zones, specifically as follows:

- For speeds 1 - 10 mph above the posted school zone, fines are doubled and carry 3 points.
- For speeds 11 - 15 mph above the posted school zone, fines are doubled and carry 4 points.
- For speeds 16 - 20 mph above the posted school zone, fines are doubled and carry 5 points.
- For speeds greater than 20 mph above the posted limit, fines are tripled and carry 5 points.

- Points awarded for speeding in school zones are specifically exempted from reductions offered through safe driver courses; and

RESOLVED, That City Council direct the City Administrator to reach out to the City's elected delegation and lobbyists to seek passage of these changes.

Sponsored by: Councilmembers Lumm and Warpehoski