

CODE

CITY OF REDMOND
ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF REDMOND,
WASHINGTON, RELATING TO THE USE OF PARK ZONE
SPEED CAMERAS; AUTHORIZING USE OF THESE
CAMERAS TO DETECT SPEED ZONE INFRACTIONS IN
PARK ZONES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND
ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the use of automated traffic safety cameras is authorized to detect stoplight violations at arterial intersections, school speed zone violations, and speeding in park zones or areas identified as high-risk for vulnerable road users; and

WHEREAS, before deploying automated traffic safety cameras at a new location or relocating an existing camera, the City must prepare an analysis of the locations within the jurisdiction where automated traffic safety cameras are proposed to be located before adding traffic safety cameras and such analysis shall include an equity analysis as required by RCW 46.63.220, evaluating the impact on livability, accessibility, economics, education, and environmental health; and

WHEREAS, the safety of pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists in park zones will be enhanced by the use of automated traffic safety cameras placed on streets adjacent to City parks, thereby

promoting a safe environment for residents and park visitors of all ages; and

WHEREAS, the State Legislature has passed a law authorizing local jurisdictions to use automated traffic safety cameras subject to restrictions specified in that legislation; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of Redmond recognizes the value of implementing an automated enforcement program in furtherance of its goals in maintaining a safe traffic/pedestrian environment for its citizenry.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDMOND, WASHINGTON, DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Classification. The amendments to RMC 10.25.010-10.25.070 made in Section 2-7 of this ordinance are of a general and permanent nature and shall become a part of the Redmond Municipal Code.

Section 2. Amendment of Section. RMC 10.25.010 is hereby amended to read as follows:

10.25.010 Use of automated traffic safety cameras authorized.

The use of automated traffic safety cameras is authorized to detect (1) stoplight violations at arterial intersections, (2) school speed zone violations **and (3) park zone violations**, subject to the restrictions specified in state law [~~CHAPTER 167, LAWS OF 2005, "TRAFFIC SAFETY~~

~~CAMERAS," CODIFIED AT RCW 46.63.170, WITH AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF JULY 24, 2005).]~~ **(RCW 46.63.220, effective July 12, 2024).**

Section 3. Amendment of Section. RMC 10.25.030 is hereby amended to read as follows:

10.25.030 Restrictions on use.

The use of automated traffic safety cameras is subject to the following restrictions:

A. Use of automated traffic safety cameras is restricted to arterial intersections, [AND] school speed zones, **and park speed zones** only.

B. Automated traffic safety cameras may only take pictures of the vehicle and vehicle license plate and only while an infraction is occurring. Pictures taken by automated traffic safety cameras must not reveal the face of the driver or any passenger in the vehicle.

~~[C. THE CITY SHALL CLEARLY MARK EVERY LOCATION WHERE AN AUTOMATED TRAFFIC SAFETY CAMERA IS USED BY PLACING SIGNS IN LOCATIONS THAT CLEARLY INDICATE TO A DRIVER THAT SHE OR HE IS ENTERING A ZONE WHERE TRAFFIC LAWS ARE ENFORCED BY AN AUTOMATED TRAFFIC SAFETY CAMERA. MARKINGS OR SIGNALS SHALL CLEARLY INDICATE WHEN AUTOMATED SAFETY CAMERAS ARE ENFORCING SCHOOL SPEED ZONE LAW.]~~

D. All locations where an automated traffic safety camera is used must be clearly marked with signage installed at least 30 days before the camera becomes operational. The signage must clearly inform drivers that they are entering an area where traffic violations are enforced by an automated traffic safety camera. Additionally, in school speed zones, the signage must explicitly indicate that automated safety cameras are being used to enforce school speed zone laws.

Section 4. Amendment of Section. RMC 10.25.050 is hereby amended to read as follows:

For the purposes of this chapter, "automated traffic safety camera" means a device that uses a vehicle sensor installed to work in conjunction with an intersection traffic control system and a camera synchronized to automatically record one (1) or more sequenced photographs, microphotographs, or electronic images of the rear of a motor vehicle at the time the vehicle fails to stop when facing a steady red traffic control signal or exceeds a speed limit in a school or park zone as detected by a speed measuring device.

Section 5. Amendment of Section. RMC 10.25.060 (A) is hereby amended to read as follows:

A. In a traffic infraction case involving an infraction detected through the use of an automated traffic

safety camera, as described herein and in RCW 46.63.220[170], proof that the particular vehicle described in the notice of traffic infraction was in violation of RCW 46.61.055 or 46.61.440, together with proof that the person named in the notice of traffic infraction was at the time of the violation the registered owner of the vehicle, constitutes in evidence a prima facie presumption that the registered owner of the vehicle was the person in control of the vehicle at the point where, and for the time during which, the violation occurred.

Section 6. Amendment of Section. RMC 10.25.070 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Infractions detected through the use of automated traffic safety cameras, as described herein and in RCW 46.63.220[170], are not part of the registered owner's driving record under RCW 46.52.101 and 46.52.120. Additionally, infractions generated by the use of automated traffic safety cameras under this chapter shall be processed in the same manner as parking infractions as set forth in RCW 3.46.120, 3.50.100, 3.62.040, 46.16.216 and 46.20.270(3).

Section 7. Amendment of Section. RMC 10.25.080(D) is hereby amended to read as follows:

D. Any money received from penalties for red light, ~~[AND]~~ school speed zone, and park speed zone infractions detected

by an automated traffic safety camera shall be used to cover the cost of the automated traffic safety camera program and any money received that exceeds the cost of the program shall only be used for additional traffic safety programs and traffic safety capital improvements within the City.

Section 8. Severability. If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance, of the Redmond Municipal Code, shall be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance.

Section 9. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force five (5) days after publication of a summary thereof consisting of the title.

ADOPTED by the Redmond City Council this ____ day of _____, 2024.

CITY OF REDMOND

ANGELA BIRNEY, MAYOR

ATTEST:

CHERYL XANTHOS, MMC, CITY CLERK

(SEAL)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

DANIEL KENNY, CITY ATTORNEY

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