

**CHELTENHAM TOWNSHIP
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

RESOLUTION NO. 28-18

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS OF CHELTENHAM TOWNSHIP,
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
REQUESTING PENNSYLVANIA LEGISLATORS
ADOPT LEGISLATION PERMITTING THE USE OF
RADAR BY LOCAL MUNICIPAL POLICE
DEPARTMENTS FOR SPEED ENFORCEMENT**

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Cheltenham Township, Montgomery County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, encourage and support all municipal police to use the same motor vehicle speed-timing equipment as the Pennsylvania State Police; and

WHEREAS, public protection and safety is a principal reason why municipalities are established and exist; and

WHEREAS, municipal police and the Pennsylvania State Police are statutorily authorized to protect the public primarily through the enforcement of the Crimes Code (Title 18) and Motor Vehicle Code (Title 75); and

WHEREAS, all the tools of law enforcement available to Pennsylvania State Police are also available to municipal police, with one notable exception, that being radar; and

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania is the only state in the United States of America that gives its municipal police a law enforcement mandate and then prohibits them from using a common and effective piece of speed-timing equipment that the Pennsylvania State Police are permitted to use; and

WHEREAS, the inability of municipal police to use radar has resulted in uneven enforcement of the maximum speed laws across Pennsylvania and has contributed to Pennsylvania's distinction as the state with the third highest number of speed-related vehicle fatalities and the second highest percentage for speed related vehicle fatalities in the country.

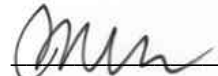
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Cheltenham Township calls upon the members of Senate and House of Representatives of the General Assembly of Pennsylvania to adopt legislation enabling municipal police to use the same motor vehicle speed-timing equipment as the Pennsylvania State Police.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Cheltenham, County of Montgomery, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, at its public meeting held at Curtis Hall, 1250 West Church Road, Wyncote,

Pennsylvania, 19095, under my hand and the Seal of the Township of Cheltenham, this 20th day of **June, A.D., 2018**, in the year of the Township of Cheltenham the one hundred nineteenth.

ATTEST:

**TOWNSHIP OF CHELTENHAM
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**



Bryan T. Havir
Township Manager and Secretary

By: *Daniel B Norris*
Daniel B. Norris, President