

**CITY OF SEATTLE**

**ORDINANCE \_\_\_\_\_**

**COUNCIL BILL \_\_\_\_\_**

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AN ORDINANCE relating to financial policies governing revenues generated from automated traffic safety camera fines or civil penalties; amending Section 5.82.010 of the Seattle Municipal Code.

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WHEREAS, The City of Seattle has adopted Vision Zero, a plan to eliminate traffic fatalities and serious injuries by 2030; and

WHEREAS, during the first half of 2019, 101 people were seriously injured or killed in traffic crashes, which is the highest number of crashes recorded in the City since 2010; and

WHEREAS, design and construction of safer streets is a key component of Vision Zero and projects to improve traffic safety require funding; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, Council passed Ordinance 125206 which dedicated 20% of automated traffic safety camera (also known as red light camera) revenue to the School Safety Traffic and Pedestrian Improvement Fund (SSTPIF); and

WHEREAS, in 2018, Council passed Ordinance 125719 which suspended the 20% contribution of the automated traffic safety camera revenue to the SSTPIF for 2018, 2019, and 2020; and

WHEREAS, the intent of automated traffic safety camera deployment is to make driver behavior safer, and the goal is to collect zero \$0 in fines and penalties because there are no violations; NOW, THEREFORE,

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. Section 5.82.010 of the Seattle Municipal Code, last amended by Ordinance 125719, is amended as follows:

1 **5.82.010 Financial policies**

2 The following financial policies govern revenues generated from automated traffic safety camera  
3 fines or civil penalties:

4 A. Spending for school traffic and pedestrian safety: Funding in an amount equal to 20  
5 percent of the revenue generated annually by automated traffic safety camera fines and civil  
6 penalties will be spent for school traffic and pedestrian safety and directly related infrastructure  
7 projects, as well as pedestrian, bicyclist, and driver education campaigns and installation,  
8 administrative, enforcement, operations, and maintenance costs associated with the automated  
9 traffic safety cameras (also known as red light cameras).

10 B. Spending for Vision Zero: Funding in an amount equal to 30 percent of the revenue  
11 generated annually by automated traffic safety camera fines and civil penalties will be spent to  
12 improve traffic safety for all users of the right-of-way, in support of the City's Vision Zero goal  
13 of ending traffic deaths and serious injuries.

14 ~~((B-))~~ C. Annual budget revenues and appropriations: The Executive will propose  
15 appropriations for the items in ~~((subsection))~~ subsections 5.82.010.A and 5.82.010.B in its annual  
16 budget submittal to the City Council based on the amount of automated traffic safety camera  
17 fines and civil penalties projected to be received in the prior budget year.

18 ~~((C-))~~ D. Year-end report: The Executive will provide a year-end report to the City  
19 Council on automated traffic safety camera revenue receipts, appropriations, and expenditures by  
20 March 1 each year.

21 ~~((D-))~~ E. True-up of revenues and expenditures: To the extent that actual annual revenues  
22 from automated traffic safety cameras differ from the appropriations made through the annual  
23 budget, the Executive will propose appropriation changes in supplemental legislation to ensure

1 that funding in an amount equal to 20 percent of the actual revenues generated by automated  
2 traffic safety cameras is spent for the purposes described in Section 2 of Ordinance 124230, as  
3 amended by Ordinance 124907.

4 ~~((E.))~~ F. Notwithstanding subsections 5.82.010.A, 5.82.010.B, 5.82.010.C, and  
5 ~~((5.82.010.D))~~ 5.82.010.E, none of the revenue generated by automatic traffic safety camera  
6 fines and civil penalties in 2018~~((;))~~ and 2019 ~~((and 2020))~~ will be directed to the School Safety  
7 Traffic and Pedestrian Improvement Fund.

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1           Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force 30 days after its approval by  
2 the Mayor, but if not approved and returned by the Mayor within ten days after presentation, it  
3 shall take effect as provided by Seattle Municipal Code Section 1.04.020.

4           Passed by the City Council the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019,  
5 and signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this \_\_\_\_\_ day of  
6 \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

7 \_\_\_\_\_  
8 President \_\_\_\_\_ of the City Council

9           Approved by me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

10 \_\_\_\_\_  
11 Jenny A. Durkan, Mayor

12           Filed by me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

13 \_\_\_\_\_  
14 Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

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