

CITY OF SEATTLE
ORDINANCE 127341
COUNCIL BILL 121100

AN ORDINANCE relating to automated traffic safety cameras; updating financial and fund policies related to the use of cameras and the name of the associated fund; and amending Ordinance 124230.

WHEREAS, in May 2025 the City Council passed Council Bill 120971 (enacted as Ordinance 127213), implementing new requirements for the Seattle Department of Transportation's Automated Traffic Safety Camera Program and amending Ordinance 124230 regarding financial and fund policies related to the use of Automated Traffic Safety Camera revenues; and

WHEREAS, during Council deliberations on Council Bill 120971, an amendment was adopted that modified the restricted use and increased the restricted percentage of red light cameras to 30 percent, but did not also increase the deposit requirement to the same amount for the Automatic Traffic Camera Safety Fund; and

WHEREAS, the intended name of the Fund is the Automated Traffic Safety Camera Fund, to match the name of the Program; and

WHEREAS, the intent of Ordinance 127213's requirements is to align restrictions on the use of camera revenues with the guidelines for City Funds in order to provide transparency and efficient allocation of resources; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Sections 1 through 4 of Ordinance 124230, last amended by Ordinance 127213, are amended as follows:

1 Section 1. A new ((Automatic Traffic Camera Safety)) Automated Traffic Safety
2 Camera Fund is created in the City Treasury ((upon the)) effective ((date of this
3 ordinance)) June 16, 2025, to which revenues may be deposited, and from which
4 associated expenditures may be paid including, but not limited to, operating,
5 maintenance, capital and City administration costs for the purposes described in Section 2
6 of this ordinance.

7 Section 2. The purpose of creating the ((Automatic Traffic Camera Safety))
8 Automated Traffic Safety Camera Fund is to separately account for the revenues
9 generated by ((automatic)) automated traffic safety cameras authorized under Section
10 11.50.570 of the Seattle Municipal Code.

11 Section 3. The new ((Automatic Traffic Camera Safety)) Automated Traffic
12 Safety Camera Fund shall receive ((20)) 30 percent of revenues from cameras that detect
13 stoplight violations in accordance with Section 11.50.130 of the Seattle Municipal Code,
14 all revenues from all other automatic traffic safety camera types authorized in Section
15 11.50.570 of the Seattle Municipal Code, and other monies as authorized by ordinance.
16 The Fund shall receive earnings on its positive balances and pay interest on its negative
17 balances.

18 Section 4. The Director of the Seattle Department of Transportation shall have
19 responsibility for administering the ((Automatic Traffic Camera Safety)) Automated
20 Traffic Safety Camera Fund. The Director of Finance is authorized to create other
21 accounts within the ((Automatic)) Automated Traffic Safety Camera Fund as may be
22 needed or appropriate to implement the Fund's purpose and intent as established by this
23 ordinance as amended.

1 Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect as provided by Seattle Municipal Code
2 Sections 1.04.020 and 1.04.070.

3 Passed by the City Council the 21st day of November, 2025,
4 and signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this 21st day of
5 November, 2025.

6 Sarah Lerner

7 President _____ of the City Council

8 Approved / returned unsigned / vetoed this 24th day of November, 2025.

9 Bruce A. Harrell

10 Bruce A. Harrell, Mayor

11 Filed by me this 24th day of November, 2025.

12 Scheereen Dedman

13 Scheereen Dedman, City Clerk

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