

Amendment 3 to CB 120971 – Automated Camera Code Updates

Sponsor: Councilmember Rinck

Clarify financial policies related to spending for operational and maintenance programs and direct spending to the communities where the cameras are located.

Effect: This amendment would clarify language in the camera financial policies that spending of camera revenues on operational and maintenance programs is restricted to activities that support traffic safety and Vision Zero. This amendment is consistent with the Executive’s intent for this language.

This amendment would add language directing the camera revenue spending to the communities and locations where the cameras are located.

Amend Section 1 as follows:

Section 1. Section 5.82.010 of the Seattle Municipal Code, last amended by Ordinance 126893, is amended as follows:

5.82.010 Financial policies

The following financial policies govern revenues generated by automated traffic safety cameras or fines or civil penalties:

A. ~~((Spending restrictions:))~~ Consistent with RCW 46.63.220, the City shall first apply revenue generated by the City’s automated traffic safety camera program to the cost to administer, install, operate, expand, remove, relocate, and maintain automated traffic safety cameras authorized under subsection 11.50.570.A.

B. Of the net proceeds generated annually by automated traffic safety camera fines and civil penalties that are available to the City after ~~((required contributions to the Washington State Cooper Jones account pursuant to RCW 46.63.170,))~~ covering the cost to administer, install,

operate, expand, remove, relocate, and maintain automated traffic safety cameras, the following spending restrictions apply:

~~((1. School zone camera revenue: Funding in an amount equal to the revenue generated annually by school zone fixed automated camera fines and civil penalties will be spent for school traffic and pedestrian safety and directly related infrastructure projects; pedestrian, bicyclist, and driver education campaigns; and installation, administrative, enforcement, operations, and maintenance costs associated with the school zone fixed automated cameras.~~

~~2. Red))~~ 1. For red light camera revenue~~((: Funding))~~, funding in an amount equal to 20 percent of the revenue generated annually by fines and civil penalties for red light camera violations and red arrow camera violations will be spent for ~~((school))~~ safety, including traffic, student, bicycle, and pedestrian safety and directly related infrastructure projects; operational and maintenance investments that support traffic safety and Vision Zero; transportation improvements that support equitable access and mobility for persons with disabilities; transportation projects designed to reduce vehicle speeds, as well as pedestrian, bicyclist, and driver education campaigns ~~((and installation, administrative, enforcement, operations, and maintenance costs associated with the red light and red arrow automated cameras))~~.

~~((3.))~~ 2. For all other automated traffic safety camera types authorized under subsection 11.50.570.A, net revenues will be spent for safety, including traffic, student, bicycle, and pedestrian safety and directly related infrastructure projects; operational and maintenance investments that support traffic safety and Vision Zero; transportation improvements that support equitable access and mobility for persons with disabilities; transportation projects designed to reduce vehicle speeds, as well as pedestrian, bicyclist, and driver education campaigns.

~~((3. Block the box and obstruction camera revenue: Funding in an amount equal to the local revenue generated annually by fines and civil penalties for obstruction or blocked traffic camera violations will be spent for transportation improvements that support equitable access and mobility for persons with disabilities and installation, administrative, enforcement, operations, and maintenance costs associated with the obstruction or blocked traffic automated cameras.~~

~~4. Lane restriction camera revenue: Funding in an amount equal to the local revenue generated annually by fines and civil penalties for restricted lane camera violations will be spent for transportation improvements that support equitable access and mobility for persons with disabilities and installation, administrative, enforcement, operations, and maintenance costs associated with the restricted lane automated cameras.~~

~~5. Speed enforcement camera revenue: Funding in an amount equal to the local revenue generated annually by fines and civil penalties for speed enforcement cameras other than school zone cameras described in subsection 5.82.010.A.1 will be spent on transportation improvements that support traffic safety, bicycle safety, and pedestrian safety and installation, administrative, enforcement, operations, and maintenance costs associated with the speed enforcement cameras.~~

~~B. Annual budget revenues and appropriations:))~~

C. The Executive will propose appropriations for the items in subsections 5.82.010.A and 5.82.010.B in its annual budget submittal to the City Council based on the amount of automated traffic safety camera fines and civil penalties projected to be received in the prior budget year.

The City Council anticipates that proposed appropriations will support traffic safety.

accessibility, and Vision Zero investments in the communities and locations where automated traffic safety cameras are deployed.

~~((C. Year-end report: The Executive will provide a year-end report to the City Council on automated traffic safety camera revenue receipts, appropriations, and expenditures by March 1 each year))~~ D. Consistent with state requirements, by July each year, the Executive will post an annual report on the City's website showing the number of traffic crashes that occurred at each location where an automated traffic safety camera is located, as well as the number of notices of infraction issued for each camera, the percentage of revenues received from fines issued from automated traffic safety camera infractions that were used to pay for the costs of the automated traffic safety camera program, and a description of the uses of revenues that exceeded the costs of operation and administration of the automated traffic safety camera program.

~~((D. True-up of revenues and expenditures:))~~ E. To the extent that actual annual revenues from automated traffic safety cameras differ from the appropriations made through the annual budget, the Executive will propose appropriation changes in supplemental legislation to ensure that sufficient funding is spent consistent with ((subsection 5.82.010.A and RCW 46.63.170)) this Chapter 5.82.