Amendment 4 to CB 120971 – Automated Camera Code Updates

Sponsor: Councilmember Rinck

Allow warnings for School Zone Camera infractions; clarify issuance of warning notices

Effect: This amendment would allow for warnings to be issued within the first 30 days of operations for all traffic safety camera programs, including School Zone Cameras. Upon further clarification from the City Attorney's Office, State law does not restrict the issuance of warnings for School Zone Cameras before a court has found a school zone speed violation.

This amendment would also clarify that warnings will be issued during the first 30 days of operation of new camera, not just for first violations. Issuing warnings for first violations only would require an additional administrative step to check if a violation had previously been issued at that location. Issuing warnings for all infractions within the first 30 days would be easier to administer.

Amend Section 5 to revise proposed language in SMC 11.50.570.G as follows:

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G. Beginning on the effective date of this ordinance, a warning notice with no penalty shall be issued to the registered owner of the vehicle for an ((a first)) automated traffic safety camera violation listed under subsection 11.50.570.A ((subsections 11.50.570.A.1 and 11.50.570.A.2 and subsections 11.50.570.A.4 through 11.50.570.A.12)) within the first 30 days of operation of a newly located or relocated automated traffic safety camera. ((This requirement shall not apply to infractions relating to speed restrictions within a school or playground speed zone as stated in subsection 11.50.570.A.3.))