

Amendment 2 to CB 120971 – Automated Camera Code Updates

Sponsor: Councilmember Saka

Request SDOT evaluate former designated restricted racing zones for traffic safety cameras

Effect: This amendment would request that the Seattle Department of Transportation review and evaluate the locations previously identified in SMC 11.50.580 for deployment of automated traffic safety cameras authorized under SMC 11.50.570.A.

CB 120971 (Section 6) would repeal SMC 11.50.580. SMC 11.50.580 designated restricted racing zones for the purposes of using automated traffic safety cameras to enforce speed limit violations. The 2024 changes to State Law rescinded the authorization for restricted racing zones, but these locations may still be eligible for camera enforcement under SMC 11.50.570 (including enforcement for school speed zones, school walk areas, public park speed zones, hospital speed zones, and locations that experience higher crash risks due to vehicle speeds).

This amendment would also revise recitals to reflect Council’s past legislative actions and intent with regard to restricted racing zone locations.

Add a new Section 7 (and renumber subsequent Sections accordingly) as follows:

Section 7. The Council requests that the Seattle Department of Transportation review and evaluate the following locations for deployment of automated traffic safety cameras authorized under Seattle Municipal Code subsection 11.50.570.A:

A. Alki Ave SW between 63rd Ave SW and Harbor Ave SW.

B. Harbor Ave SW between Alki Ave SW and SW Spokane St.

C. West Marginal Way SW between SW Spokane St and 2nd Ave SW.

D. Sand Point Way NE between 38th Ave NE and NE 95th St.

E. NE 65th St between Sand Point Way NE and Magnuson Park.

F. Roadways inside Magnuson Park including, but not limited to, NE 65th St and Lake Shore Dr NE.

G. Seaview Ave NW between Golden Gardens Park and 34th Ave NW.

H. 3rd Ave NW between Leary Way NW and N 145th St.

I. Martin Luther King Jr Way S between S Massachusetts St and S Henderson St.

J. Rainier Ave S from S Jackson St south to the city limits.

Add new WHEREAS clauses and revise the sixth WHEREAS clause as follows:

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WHEREAS, in 2023, the City Council passed Ordinance 126869, designating restricted racing zones as a precursor to future deployment of speed enforcement cameras; and

WHEREAS, ~~in 2024, since the City Council last amended code provisions related to automated traffic safety cameras in 2023,~~ the State Legislature ~~in 2024~~ passed Engrossed Substitute House Bill 2384, making comprehensive changes to State laws governing traffic cameras, consolidating authority that had been established for camera programs, authorizing trained police and transportation employees to review violations detected by traffic safety cameras, and repealing authority for designated racing zone cameras (ESHB 2384, enacted as Chapter 307, Laws of 2024); and

WHEREAS, the City Council intends that the locations previously identified in Ordinance 126869 be evaluated for deployment of traffic safety cameras under Seattle Municipal Code Section 11.50.570 (including enforcement for school speed zones, school walk areas, public park speed zones, hospital speed zones, and locations that experience higher crash risks due to vehicle speeds); and

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