



**Ballot Title:** City of Bellingham Initiative No. 2011-01 concerns automated traffic safety cameras. This measure would require the removal of any automated cameras used to issue tickets for stoplight, railroad crossing and school zone violations installed under a 2010 ordinance and prohibit the installation of such cameras to issue tickets, unless approved by City Council and a majority of voters at an election, and limit the penalty to the lowest parking ticket fine.

Should this measure be enacted into law?

Yes [ ]

No [ ]

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF BELLINGHAM:**

Section 1. A new chapter 11.16 is added to the Bellingham Municipal Code Title 11, which shall read as follows:

11.16 - Automatic Ticketing Cameras

Section 2. A new section 11.16.110 is added to BMC chapter 11.16, which shall read as follows:

11.16.110 -- The city of Bellingham and for-profit companies contracted by the City of Bellingham may not install or use automatic ticketing cameras to impose fines from camera surveillance unless such a system is approved by a majority vote of the City Council and a majority vote of the people at an election.

A. For the purposes of this chapter, "automatic ticketing cameras" means a device that uses a vehicle sensor installed to work in conjunction with an intersection traffic control system, or a speed measuring device, and a camera synchronized to automatically record one or more sequenced photographs, microphotographs, or electronic images of the rear of a motor vehicle at the time the vehicle fails to stop when facing a steady red traffic control signal, or exceeds a speed limit as detected by a speed measuring device.

Section 3. A new section 11.16.120 is added to BMC chapter 11.16, which shall read as follows:

11.16.120 -- Fines: if a majority of the City Council and a majority of Bellingham voters at an election approve a system of automatic ticketing cameras to impose fines from camera surveillance, the fine for infractions committed shall be a monetary penalty of no more than the least expensive parking ticket imposed by law enforcement in the city limits of Bellingham.

Section 4. A new section 11.16.130 is added to BMC chapter 11.16, which shall read as follows:

11.16.130 -- Removal: all automatic ticketing machines, as defined by section 2 of this measure, installed or in use in the city limits of Bellingham as of the date of passage of this measure must be removed no later than 30 days following the effective date of this measure.

Section 5. Severability: If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected.