

LET THE PEOPLE DECIDE ON RED LIGHT CAMERAS IN LONGVIEW



- Repeals government-imposed automatic ticketing cameras
- Requires city government to get voter approval if they try again
- Removes profit-motive by limiting fines
- Protects democracy and due process

Proposed Ballot Title: Longview Initiative No. 1 concerns automatic ticketing cameras. This measure would prohibit Longview from using camera surveillance to impose fines unless two-thirds of the Council and voters approve, limit fines, repeal Ordinance #3130 allowing the machines, and mandate an advisory vote.

Should this measure be enacted into law? Yes [] No []

Proposed Ballot Summary: This measure would prohibit the City of Longview or for-profit camera companies contracted by Longview to use automatic ticketing cameras to impose fines from camera surveillance unless it's approved by a two-thirds vote of the City Council and a vote of the people at an election. This measure would also limit fines, repeal Ordinance #3130/Chapter 11.04.020-11.04.180 allowing automatic ticketing cameras, and require an advisory vote of the people for machines authorized after January, 2007.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF LONGVIEW:

Section 1. New Chapter 11.04. A new chapter 11.04 is hereby added to the Longview Municipal Code to read as follows:
 11.04.210 Automatic Ticketing Cameras: The City of Longview and for-profit companies contracted by the City of Longview may not install or use automatic ticketing cameras to impose fines from camera surveillance unless such a system is approved by a two-thirds vote of the City Council and a majority vote of the people at an election.
 1. 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.
 11.04.220 Fines: if two-thirds of the City Council and a majority of Longview 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 Longview.
Section 2. Chapter 11.04 (Ordinance #3130 allowing automatic ticketing cameras) is hereby repealed.
Section 3. Advisory Vote: Any ordinance that authorizes the use of automatic ticketing cameras enacted after January 1, 2007, must be put on the ballot as an advisory vote of the people at the next general election.
Section 4. 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.

WARNING

Every person who signs this petition with any other than his or her true name, or who knowingly signs more than one of these petitions, or signs a petition seeking an election when he or she is not a legal voter, or signs a petition when he or she is otherwise not qualified to sign, or who makes herein any false statement, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

Concise statement of the action or relief sought: We, the undersigned voters of Longview, require that, unless passed by the City Council, this ordinance -- Longview Initiative No. 1 -- be submitted to a vote of the registered voters of the city of Longview, subject to the requirements of Longview Municipal Code Chapter 1.35 and RCW 35A.11.080.

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