



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Police Department

City Council Regular Meeting Date: June 4, 2024

To: City Council
From: Chief Dalton
Date: 05/29/2024

SUBJECT: Sanibel School zone automated speed enforcement-Questions

BACKGROUND:

In 2023, House Bill 657 was approved by the Legislature and Governor. The Bill amended state statutes to allow for the use of automated speed detection systems for the enforcement of school zone speed limits. A copy of the final version of House Bill 657 is included in the agenda packet for this item.

The Sanibel Police Department investigated the feasibility of installing an automated speed detection system at the Sanibel School Zone on Sanibel Captiva Road and conducted a speed study. The speed study results will be presented to the City Council.

As discussed with the City Council at the March and May City Council meetings, the purpose of this initiative is to enforce speed zones in the Sanibel School Zone and improve safety for students, teachers, administrators, and parents.

During the March City Council meeting, City Councilmembers asked three questions. The questions and responses are provided below:

- "What are the maintenance costs associated with system?"
 - o Response: The maintenance costs would be paid directly by the funding the City receives from each paid citation (\$60/citation). The exact cost for maintenance will not be known until the City enters into an agreement with a vendor.
- "What kind of checks are done to ensure accuracy?"
 - o Response: The camera performs its own diagnostic check, and each citation must be manually approved by a person. Should calibration be necessary, the

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service will be provided through the City's maintenance agreement with the vendor.

- "Are we giving advanced notice that cameras issuing citations are in use?"
 - o Response: Yes that notification is governed under the state law that authorizes this program. Specific language from the law concerning notification is provided below and the full Bill language is included in the agenda packet for this item.

If a county or municipality places or installs a speed detection system as authorized by s. 316.008(9), the county or municipality must notify the public that a speed detection system may be in use by posting signage indicating photographic or video enforcement of the school zone speed limits. Such signage shall clearly designate the time period during which the school zone speed limits are enforced using a speed detection system and must meet the placement and installation specifications established by the Department of Transportation. For a speed detection system enforcing violations of s. 316.1895 or s. 316.183 on a roadway maintained as a school zone, this paragraph governs the signage notifying the public of the use of a speed detection system.

If a county or municipality begins a school zone speed detection system program in a county or municipality that has never conducted such a program, the respective county or municipality must make a public announcement and conduct a public awareness campaign of the proposed use of speed detection systems at least 30 days before commencing enforcement under the speed detection system program and must notify the public of the specific date on which the program will commence. During the 30-day public awareness campaign, only a warning may be issued to the registered owner of a motor vehicle for a violation of s. 316.1895 or s. 316.183 enforced by a speed detection system, and liability may not be imposed for the civil penalty under s. 221 318.18(3)(d).

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Hear First Reading of Ordinance 24-009 and set the date and time for Second Reading.

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