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**ORDINANCE NO. 2025-13**

**SUBJECT: Amendment to PMC Chapter 10.10 as related to Traffic Infractions**

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## **ORDINANCE NO. 2025-13**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF POULSBO, WASHINGTON, RELATING TO TRAFFIC INFRACTIONS; AMENDING CHAPTER 10.10 OF THE POULSBO MUNICIPAL CODE TO REFERENCE THE CODIFIED VERSION OF HOUSE BILL 2384 OF THE WASHINGTON STATE LEGISLATURE AND CLARIFYING AND AFFIRMING THE SPEED LIMITS FOR PUBLIC PARK ZONES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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**WHEREAS**, the City of Poulsbo has a stated goal to improve traffic safety and pedestrian safety throughout the City; and

**WHEREAS**, excessive vehicle speed is one of the principal factors implicated in pedestrian injuries and fatalities, both locally and nationally; and

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 46.63 RCW authorizes the use of automated traffic safety cameras for enforcement of certain traffic violations at two-arterial intersections, school speed zones, school walk areas, public park speed zones, and hospital speed zones with certain requirements and limitations; and

**WHEREAS**, November 15, 2023, the City passed Ordinance 2023-16, which authorized the use of automated traffic safety cameras in three designated zones and established Chapter 10.10 of the Poulsbo Municipal Code, "Automated Traffic Safety Cameras;" and

**WHEREAS**, the Washington State Legislature enacted Engrossed Substitute House Bill 2384 ("ESHB 2384") in the 2024 session, which clarified and affirmed cities authority to install and operate automated traffic safety cameras in new RCW sections; and

**WHEREAS**, August 7, 2024, the City passed Ordinance 2024-11, which amended certain sections of PMC Chapter 10.10 as required under ESHB 2384, now codified as Chapter 46.63 RCW; and

**WHEREAS**, staff, in conjunction with the Poulsbo Police Department, have determined that additional amendments to PMC Chapter 10.10 are needed to clarify and affirm the speed limits for public park zones; and

**WHEREAS**, the Poulsbo City Council finds that the adoption of this Ordinance is necessary and proper to protect public safety and welfare.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POULSBO, WASHINGTON, HEREBY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.** **Findings.** The foregoing recitals are hereby adopted in support of the Poulsbo City Councils adoption of this Ordinance.

**Section 2.** **Amendment.** Poulsbo Municipal Code Section 10.10.010 is hereby amended as follows-~~striketroughs~~ indicate deletions, underlining indicates additions):

**10.10.010 Authorized use of automated traffic safety cameras.**

A. Law enforcement officers of the city of Poulsbo and persons commissioned by the Poulsbo police department are authorized to use automated traffic cameras and related automated systems to detect one or more of the following:

1. Stoplight violations at the intersection of two arterials defined as a violation of RCW 46.61.050.

2. School speed zone violations defined as a violation of a school or playground speed zone established by, or under, RCW 46.61.440 or any roadway identified in a school walk area as defined by RCW 28A.160.160.

3. Speed zone violations in a public park speed zone as defined in RCW 46.63.210(3), when a vehicle exceeds the maximum speed limit established in PMC 10.10.065 Chapter 46.63 RCW.

B. Automated traffic safety cameras may only take pictures of the vehicle and vehicle license plate and only while an infraction is occurring. Pictures taken by automated traffic safety cameras may not reveal the face of the driver or of the passengers in the vehicle.

C. The city shall clearly mark all locations where automated traffic safety cameras are in use by placing signs in locations that clearly indicate to the driver that they are entering a zone where traffic laws are enforced by an automated traffic safety camera.

D. For the purposes of this chapter, "automated traffic safety camera" 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.** **Adopt.** Poulsbo Municipal Code Chapter 10.10 is hereby amended by the adoption of a new section 10.10.065 "Park Zone Speed Limits", as follows ~~striketroughs~~ indicate deletions, underlining indicates additions):

**10.10.065   Park zone speed limits.**

It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a vehicle at a speed in excess of 35 miles per hour when passing any marked area within public park public park property and extending 300 feet from the border of the public park property where signs are posted to indicate the location is within a public park speed zone.

**Section 4.   Amendment.** Poulsbo Municipal Code Section 10.10.070 is hereby amended as follows—~~striketroughs~~ indicate deletions, underlining indicates additions):

**10.10.070   Penalties.**

A.   The penalty for a stoplight violation at the intersection of two arterials violation detected through the use of an automated traffic safety camera shall be equal to the monetary penalty for an infraction as set forth in RCW 46.63.220(16) under Section 2(16), Chapter 307, Laws of 2024, as adjusted for inflation by the office of financial management every five years.

B.   The penalty for a speed zone violation in a public park detected through the use of an automated traffic safety camera shall be equal to the monetary penalty for a violation for an infraction as set forth in RCW 46.63.220(16) under Section 2(16), Chapter 307, Laws of 2024, as adjusted for inflation by the office of financial management every five years.

C.   The penalty for a school speed zone violations detected through the use of an automated traffic safety camera shall be as follows:

1.   Speeds six to ten miles per hour over the posted twenty miles per hour zone shall be a base monetary penalty of one hundred fifty dollars;

2. Speeds eleven to fifteen miles per hour over the posted twenty miles per hour zone shall be a base monetary penalty of two hundred dollars;

3. Speeds sixteen and above per hour over the posted twenty miles per hour zone shall be a base penalty of two hundred fifty dollars.

D. Registered owners of vehicles who receive notices of infraction under this chapter and are recipients of public assistance under RCW Title 74, or are participants in the Washington women, infants, and children program, may request reduced penalties for their first automated traffic safety camera violation and for subsequent violations issued within twenty-one days of issuance of the first violation. Such qualifying penalty amounts will be reduced by fifty percent.

E. Except as provided in subsection F of this section, pursuant to RCW 46.63.220(13)(d) ~~Section 2(13), Chapter 307, Laws of 2024~~, revenue from fines assessed under authority of this chapter shall be used solely for:

1. Traffic safety activities related to construction and preservation projects and maintenance projects and maintenance and operations purposes including, but not limited to, projects designed to implement the complete streets approach as defined in RCW 47.04.010, changes in physical infrastructure to reduce speeds through road design, and changes to improve safety for active transportation users, including improvements to access and safety for road users with mobility, sight, or other disabilities.

2. The cost to administer, install, operate, and maintain the automated traffic safety cameras, including the cost of processing infractions.

F. Revenue from fines assessed under authority of this chapter detected at camera locations in effect prior to January 1, 2024, may continue to be allocated as determined by the city, pursuant to RCW 46.63.220(13)(d) ~~Section 2(13)(d), Chapter 307, Laws of 2024.~~

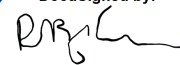
G. Beginning four years after an automatic traffic safety camera authorized under this chapter is initially placed and in use, when required by RCW 46.63.220(13)(d) ~~Section 2, Chapter 307, Laws of 2024,~~ twenty-five percent of the noninterest money received for infractions issued under this chapter for exceeding the speed limit in excess of the cost to administer, install, operate, and maintain the automated traffic safety cameras, including the cost of processing infractions, shall be deposited in the Cooper Jones active transportation safety account created in RCW 46.68.480.

**Section 5. Severability.** If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance or its application to any person or situation should be held to be invalid or unconstitutional for any reason by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of the remaining portions of this ordinance or its application to any other person or situation, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable.

**Section 6. Corrections.** Upon authorization of the City Attorney, The City Clerk and codifiers of this Ordinance are authorized to make necessary corrections to this ordinance including, but not limited to, the correction of scrivener/clerical errors, references, ordinance numbering, and section and/or subsection numbers for the purposes of codification and any other references thereto.

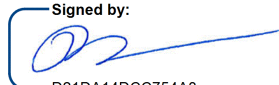
**Section 7.**    **Effective Date.**    This ordinance shall take effect five days after its publication, or publication of a summary thereof, in the City's official newspaper, or as otherwise provided by law.

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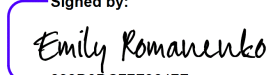
MAYOR REBECCA ERICKSON

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CITY CLERK RHIANNON FERNANDEZ

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SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 2025-13  
of the City of Poulsbo, Washington

On August 13, 2025, the City Council of the City of Poulsbo, Washington, approved Ordinance No. 2025-13, the main point of which may be summarized by its title as follows:

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The full text of this ordinance will be mailed upon request.

DATED this 13<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2025

Signed by:  
  
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CITY CLERK, RHIANNON FERNANDEZ CMC