RESOLUTION R-5359

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND ESTABLISHING PENALTIES RELATED TO AUTOMATED TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT AS REQUIRED BY KIRKLAND MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 12.14.080(A).

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of Washington added a new section 46.63.170 to RCW Chapter 46.63 authorizing and regulating the use of automated traffic safety cameras for traffic enforcement; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of Kirkland, recognizing the value of implementing an automated enforcement program in school zones to slow traffic speeds and improve safety for school children, adopted Ordinance O-4681 creating a new Chapter 12.14 in the Kirkland Municipal Code ("KMC") for that purpose; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to that ordinance, Council determined it would set penalties for violations of that chapter by resolution.

WHEREAS, as authorized by state law, the City of Kirkland has established 20 mile per hour speed limits in school zones for the safety of school children; and

WHEREAS, a tiered approach to the assessment of penalties for unlawful speeds in excess 25 and 30 miles per hour, respectively, in school zones is necessary help ensure compliance and in recognition of significant data demonstrating that such unlawful increases in vehicular speed carry with them increasing risks of serious pedestrian injury and death; and

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Kirkland as follows:

<u>Section 1</u>. The penalty to be assessed for violations of KMC Chapter 12.14 is hereby set at \$136 per violation for speeds in excess of 25 miles per hour.

<u>Section 2.</u> The penalty to be assessed for violations of KMC Chapter 12.14 is hereby set at \$250 per violation for speeds in excess of 30 miles per hour.

Section 3. Penalties assessed for violations of KMC Chapter 12.14 will be adjusted proportionally for inflation consistent with the JIS Penalty Schedule as it may be adjusted from time to time by the Administrative Office of the Courts. The City Council shall also periodically review penalties and may adjust future penalty amounts.

Passed by majority vote of the Kirkland City Council in open meeting this 5th day of March, 2019.

Signed in authentication thereof this 5th day of March, 2019.

 Penny Sweet, Mayor

Attest:

Kathi Anderson, City Clerk