# SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL

## Legislative Summary

### CB 118560

**Record No.:** CB 118560 **Type:** Ordinance (Ord) **Status:** Passed

**Version:** 2 124907 **In Control:** City Clerk

**File Created:** 11/04/2015

**Final Action:** 12/01/2015

**Title:** AN ORDINANCE relating to automated fixed camera revenue; renaming the School Zone Fixed Automated Cameras Fund; providing for the deposit of revenues generated by automated traffic safety cameras; and adopting financial policies for The City of Seattle governing the fund; amending Ordinance 124230; and adding a new Chapter 5.82 to the Seattle Municipal Code.

**Date**

**Notes:**

**Filed with City Clerk:**

**Mayor's Signature:**

**Sponsors:** Licata

**Vetoed by Mayor:**

**Veto Overridden:**

**Veto Sustained:**

**Attachments:**

**Drafter:** jodee.schwinn@seattle.gov

**Filing Requirements/Dept Action:**

**History of Legislative File** **Legal Notice Published:** ☐ Yes ☐ No

| Version: | Acting Body: | Date: | Action: | Sent To: | Due Date: | Return Date: | Result: |
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| 1 | Full Council | 11/09/2015 | referred | Budget Committee | | | |
| | **Action Text:** | The Council Bill (CB) was referred. to the Budget Committee | | | | | |
| | **Notes:** | | | | | | |
| 1 | Budget Committee | 11/16/2015 | pass | | | | Pass |
| | **Action Text:** | The Committee recommends that Full Council pass the Council Bill (CB). | | | | | |
| | **Notes:** | | | | | | |
| | | In Favor: | 8 | Chair Licata, Member Bagshaw, Member Burgess, Member Godden, Member O'Brien, Okamoto, Member Rasmussen, Member Sawant | | | |
| | | Opposed: | 0 | | | | |
| 1 | Full Council | 11/23/2015 | passed as amended | | | | Pass |
| | **Action Text:** | The Motion carried, the Council Bill (CB) was passed as amended by the following vote, and the President signed the Bill: | | | | | |
| | **Notes:** | ACTION 1: | | | | | |

Motion was made by Councilmember Licata, duly seconded and carried, to amend Council Bill 118560, by filling in the blank in section 5, Seattle Municipal Code Section 5.28.010, subsection D, as shown in the underline language in track changes below:

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D. True-up of revenues and expenditures: To the extent that actual annual revenues from automated traffic safety cameras differ from the appropriations made through the annual budget, the Executive will propose appropriation changes in supplemental legislation to ensure that funding in an amount equal to ten percent of the actual revenues generated by automated traffic safety cameras are spent for the purposes described in Section 2 of Ordinance 124230, as amended by the ordinance introduced as Council Bill 118560.

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ACTION 2:

Motion was made and duly seconded to pass Council Bill 118560 as amended.

In Favor: 9 Councilmember Bagshaw, Council President Burgess, Councilmember Godden, Councilmember Harrell, Councilmember Licata, Councilmember O'Brien, Okamoto, Councilmember Rasmussen, Councilmember Sawant

Opposed: 0

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| 2 | City Clerk | 11/30/2015 | submitted for Mayor's signature | Mayor |
| | **Action Text:** | The Council Bill (CB) was submitted for Mayor's signature. to the Mayor | | |
| | **Notes:** | | | |
| 2 | Mayor | 12/01/2015 | Signed | |
| | **Action Text:** | The Council Bill (CB) was Signed. | | |
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| 2 | Mayor | 12/01/2015 | returned | City Clerk |
| | **Action Text:** | The Council Bill (CB) was returned. to the City Clerk | | |
| | **Notes:** | | | |
| 2 | City Clerk | 12/01/2015 | attested by City Clerk | |
| | **Action Text:** | The Ordinance (Ord) was attested by City Clerk. | | |
| | **Notes:** | | | |

# CITY OF SEATTLE

**ORDINANCE** 124907

COUNCIL BILL 118560

AN ORDINANCE relating to automated fixed camera revenue; renaming the School Zone Fixed Automated Cameras Fund; providing for the deposit of revenues generated by automated traffic safety cameras; and adopting financial policies for The City of Seattle governing the fund; amending Ordinance 124230; and adding a new Chapter 5.82 to the Seattle Municipal Code.

WHEREAS, The City of Seattle is committed to maintaining high standards of financial management; and

WHEREAS, the funding for pedestrian safety projects is limited; and

WHEREAS, in July 2013 the Council passed Ordinance 124230 dedicating all school zone camera revenue to school zone pedestrian and traffic safety investments; and

WHEREAS, it is the Council's intent that ten percent of automated traffic safety camera revenue (also known as red light camera revenue) be used to support school zone pedestrian and traffic safety investments in the same manner expressed in Ordinance 124230; and

WHEREAS, the National Committee on Uniform Traffic Laws and Ordinances recommends dedicating infraction revenue from automated traffic law enforcement to road and pedestrian safety projects; and

WHEREAS, the Council intends that the revenues generated by school zone fixed automated cameras and a portion of revenues generated by automated traffic cameras expand efforts to improve school zone traffic and pedestrian safety; NOW, THEREFORE,

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. Section 1 of Ordinance 124230 is amended as follows:

A new ((~~School Zone Fixed Automated Cameras~~)) School Safety Traffic and Pedestrian Improvement Fund is hereby created in the City Treasury effective January 1, 2016((4)), to which revenues may be deposited, and from which associated expenditures may be paid including, but not limited to, operating, maintenance, capital and City administration costs for the purposes described in Section 2 below.

Section 2. Section 2 of Ordinance 124230 is amended as follows:

The purpose of creating the ((~~School Zone Fixed Automated Cameras~~)) School Safety Traffic and Pedestrian Improvement Fund is to separately account for the revenues generated by the school zone fixed automated cameras and automated traffic safety cameras (also known as red light safety cameras).

Section 3. Section 3 of Ordinance 124230 is amended as follows:

The new ((~~School Zone Fixed Automated Cameras~~)) School Safety Traffic and Pedestrian Improvement Fund shall receive all revenues from fixed automated school zone camera fines and civil penalties, ten percent of revenues from automated traffic safety cameras (also known as red light safety cameras), and other monies as authorized by ordinance. The Fund shall receive earnings on its positive balances and pay interest on its negative balances.

Section 4. Section 4 of Ordinance 124230 is amended as follows:

The Director of the Seattle Department of Transportation shall have responsibility for administering the School Safety Traffic and Pedestrian Improvement Fund. The Director of Finance is authorized to create other Subfunds, Accounts, or Subaccounts as may be needed to implement the Fund's purpose and intent as established by this ordinance as amended.

Section 5. A new Chapter 5.82 is added to the Seattle Municipal Code as follows:

## 5.82 AUTOMATED TRAFFIC SAFETY CAMERA REVENUES

### 5.82.010 Financial policies

The following financial policies govern revenues generated from automated traffic safety camera fines or civil penalties:

A. Spending for school traffic and pedestrian safety: Funding in an amount equal to ten percent of the revenue generated annually by automated traffic safety camera fines and civil penalties will be spent for school traffic and pedestrian safety and directly related infrastructure projects, as well as pedestrian, bicyclist, and driver education campaigns and installation, administrative, enforcement, operations and maintenance costs associated with the automated traffic safety cameras (also known as red light cameras).

B. Annual budget revenues and appropriations: The Executive will propose appropriations for the items in subsection 5.82.010.A in its annual budget submittal to the Council based on the amount of automated traffic safety camera fines and civil penalties projected to be received in the prior budget year.

C. Year-end report: The Executive will provide a year-end report to the Council on automated traffic safety camera revenue receipts, appropriation, and expenditures by March 1 each year.

D. True-up of revenues and expenditures: To the extent that actual annual revenues from automated traffic safety cameras differ from the appropriations made through the annual budget, the Executive will propose appropriation changes in supplemental legislation to ensure that funding in an amount equal to ten percent of the actual revenues generated by automated traffic

1 safety cameras are spent for the purposes described in Section 2 of Ordinance 124230, as

2 amended by the ordinance introduced as Council Bill 118560.

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Section 6. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force 30 days after its approval by the Mayor, but if not approved and returned by the Mayor within ten days after presentation, it shall take effect as provided by Seattle Municipal Code Section 1.04.020.

Passed by the City Council the 23rd day of Nov., 2015, and signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this 23rd day of Nov., 2015.

President _____ of the City Council

Approved by me this 1st day of December, 2015.

Edward B. Murray, Mayor

Filed by me this 1st day of December, 2015.

Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

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