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TO The Honorable President and
Members of the City Council
Room 400, City Hall

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Attention: Ms. Karen Randle

City Council Bill 09-0342 is for the purpose of authorizing the certain speed monitoring systems, in certain areas, and subject to certain standards, procedures, requirements, and limitations; authorizing certain civil penalties for violations; defining certain terms; requiring certain rules and regulations; mandating a certain period during which violations may be enforced only by the issuance of warnings; and providing for a special effective date.

Speed monitoring systems are used to enhance public safety and protect the lives of citizens. In the 2009 session, the General Assembly passed a bill that allows local jurisdictions to implement speed camera programs. Previously, only Montgomery County was authorized to deploy speed cameras as a pilot program. Under the new State law, speed monitoring systems are to be used exclusively in school zones and work zones, areas where pedestrians (especially children) and construction workers may be endangered by speeding vehicles. Following a thirty-day warning period (September), vehicles will be automatically cited when traveling 12 miles per hour or greater than the posted speed limit. The fine is set by State law at \$40.

The Department of Transportation plans to have at least 40 speed monitoring systems operable on October 1, 2009. The collection firm ACS will be contracted to administer the speed camera enforcement program, as it does the red light enforcement program.

Fiscal Impact

The revenue estimate for speed camera enforcement assumes 30.7 tickets per camera per day (Montgomery County has averaged 37.5). At this rate, the 40 cameras would generate 36,840 tickets per month. Assuming a 70% collection rate, \$40 per ticket will generate \$1 million in gross revenue per month. Since the enforcement will be effective October 1, 2009, the City will receive 9 months of revenue in Fiscal 2010, about \$9.3 million. After paying ACS its 23.5% share, net revenue is \$7.1 million. This amount is reflected in the Fiscal 2010 Motor Vehicle Fund revenue estimate.

The Department of Finance supports the passage of this bill.

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