

LET THE PEOPLE DECIDE ON RED LIGHT CAMERAS IN BELLINGHAM



- Repeals government-imposed automatic ticketing cameras
- Requires city government to get voter approval if they try again
- Removes profit-motive by limiting fines

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INITIATIVE PETITION FOR SUBMISSION TO THE CITY COUNCIL OF BELLINGHAM, WASHINGTON. TO: Finance Director, City of Bellingham, Washington: We, the undersigned registered voters of the City of Bellingham, Washington, respectfully direct that this petition and the proposed measure known as City of Bellingham Initiative No. 2011-01, and entitled "This measure would prohibit Bellingham from using camera surveillance to impose fines unless two-thirds of the Council and voters approve, limit fines, repeal Ordinance #2010-12-064 allowing the machines, and mandate an advisory vote," a full, true, and correct copy of which is attached to this petition, be transmitted to the City Council of the City of Bellingham, Washington, and we respectfully petition the City Council to enact said proposed measure into law; furthermore, if the City Council fails to enact this measure that it be submitted to a vote of the people at a regular or special election to be held on a date and in the manner required by the Revised Code of Washington; and each of us for himself or herself says: I have personally signed this petition, I am a legal voter of the City of Bellingham, Whatcom County, State of Washington, and my address is correctly stated on this petition and I have knowingly signed this petition only once.

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Proposed Ballot Title: Bellingham Initiative No. 2011-01 concerns automatic ticketing cameras. This measure would prohibit Bellingham from using camera surveillance to impose fines unless two-thirds of the Council and voters approve, limit fines, repeal Ordinance #2010-12-064 allowing the machines, and mandate an advisory vote.

Should this measure be enacted into law? Yes [] No []

Proposed Ballot Summary: This measure would prohibit the City of Bellingham or for-profit camera companies contracted by Bellingham to use automatic ticketing cameras to impose fines from camera surveillance unless it's approved by a two thirds vote of the City Council and a vote of the people at an election. This measure would also limit fines, repeal Ordinance #2010-12-064 allowing automatic ticketing cameras, and require an advisory vote of the people for machines authorized after November, 2010.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF BELLINGHAM:

Section 1. A new chapter 11.16 is added to the Bellingham Municipal Code Title 11, which shall read as follows:

11.16 - Automatic Ticketing Cameras

Section 2. A new section 11.16.110 is added to BMC chapter 11.16, which shall read as follows:

11.16.110 - The city of Bellingham and for-profit companies contracted by the City of Bellingham may not install or use automatic ticketing cameras to impose fines from camera surveillance unless such a system is approved by a two-thirds vote of the City Council and a majority vote of the people at an election.

A. For the purposes of this chapter, "automatic ticketing cameras" 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. A new section 11.16.120 is added to BMC chapter 11.16, which shall read as follows:

11.16.120 -- Fines: if two-thirds of the City Council and a majority of Bellingham voters at an election approve a system of automatic ticketing cameras to impose fines from camera surveillance, the fine for infractions committed shall be a monetary penalty of no more than the least expensive parking ticket imposed by law enforcement in the city limits of Bellingham.

Section 4. Chapter 11.16 (Ordinance #2010-12-064/Chapter BMC 11.16.010-11.16.100 allowing automatic ticketing cameras) is hereby repealed.

Section 5. Advisory Vote: Any ordinance that authorizes the use of automatic ticketing cameras enacted after November 1, 2010, must be put on the ballot as an advisory vote of the people at the next general election.

Section 6. Severability: If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected.

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