



**CITY OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE**

**City Council**

**AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET**

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**AGENDA DATE:** May 27, 2025  
**DEPARTMENT:** Law Department  
**DIRECTOR or DESIGNEE:** Charles W. Swanson

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**AGENDA SUMMARY** An Ordinance to amend the Knoxville City Code, Chapter 17, Section 17-210, to authorize automated enforcement systems for regulating speeding in school zones and motor vehicle noise at no direct cost to the City and in support of the City's Vision Zero Initiative.

**COUNCIL DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED** All Districts

**BACKGROUND** Since the institution of Knoxville's traffic signal enforcement program, crashes at intersections controlled by traffic signals have decreased dramatically. The City of Knoxville would likewise like to see an increase in pedestrian safety in the City's school zones, and to that end wishes to exercise the authority granted by the General Assembly in Tenn. Code Ann. § 55-8-198(l)(1) to operate automated speed enforcement systems within selected school zones in the City. The City also desires to take advantage of emerging technologies to enforce the City's restrictions on motor vehicle noise set forth in Knoxville City Code § 17-383, and to that end, wishes to authorize automated enforcement systems for excessive vehicle noise at selected locations in the City.

**ESTIMATED PROJECT SCHEDULE** The Ordinance would take effect from and after its passage.

**PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW** City Code § 17-210 was originally adopted as O-36-05 on February 1, 2005, and was amended by O-128-08 on June 17, 2008.

**FISCAL INFORMATION** As with the traffic signal enforcement program, these new programs will be budget neutral with no direct costs to the City.