

FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

General Information:

(Check) Bill: X Resolution: _____

Short Title(s): Sound Cameras Placed in Section 24-4 STOP Program (Bill)

Sponsor(s): Mayor Alan Webber

Reviewing Department(s): Police Department

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Summary:

This bill would amend SFCC 1987, Section 24-4, "Santa Fe Traffic Operations Program" ("STOP"), to provide for the use of devices that detect vehicle noise exceeding nuisance levels using an automated compliance enforcement system to produce the evidence to support noise violation citations, using the process provided in the STOP ordinance for speeding citations . The bill would also allow the City Manager to assign responsibility for STOP administration, removing the requirement for the administering department to be the police department citations.

Departments Affected:

This bill would affect the Police Department, by not requiring that Department to administer the program, and it would affect the department ultimately assigned responsibility for administering STOP.

Consequences of Not Enacting Legislation:

If this legislation is not adopted, the STOP ordinance would not include regulating vehicular noise regulation and the police department would be required to administer speeding violations.

Conflict, Duplication, Companionship, or Relationship to Other Legislation:

None at this time.

Performance and Administrative Implications:

If adopted, this bill would require the City to take operational steps to administer STOP as contemplated in the bill. In particular, a department would need to be assigned to work with a city contractor to administer

the program. Personnel from that department would review evidence, determine if it sufficient to issue a citation, and participate in administrative hearings if an individual decides to appeal a citation.

Fiscal Implications:

The automated compliance enforcement system is intended to fund itself through revenue generated by the payment of violation fees. While there is an initial system cost, the automated enforcement system is paid using a portion of the fines collected. Then, State Statute NMSA 1978, Section 3-18-17 requires one half the speeding violations fee revenues (after paying the system contractor) go to the State Treasurer and one half go to the City for traffic safety programs and to offset the reasonable costs directly related to administering the program.

The fee structure for speeding violations is as follows:

First violation:

- a) one hundred dollars (\$100) for more than five (5) miles per hour over the speed limit in school and construction zones;
- b) fifty dollars (\$50) for more than ten (10) miles per hour over the speed limit;

Subsequent violations within two (2) years of the preceding violation:

- a) one hundred fifty dollars (\$150) for five (5) miles per hour over the speed limit;
 - b) one hundred dollars (\$100) for more than ten (10) miles over the speed limit.
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The fee structure for all noise violations are as follows:

- a) five hundred dollars (\$500)
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The City has funded the initial implementation of the program as contemplated in this bill with \$1,000,000. Funds are budgeted as follows: \$250,000 in Lodger's Tax Fund and \$750,000 in General Fund from FY25 one time funding. This cost does not include staffing during the first year of the implementation of the program, as contemplated by the bill. However, revenues from the program may be utilized towards funding staff time dedicated to the administration of STOP.

Fiscal Impact

_____ Check here if no fiscal impact

Expenditures

Expenditure Type	FYE __	FYE __	FYE __	Require BAR (Y/N)	Recurring (R) or Non-recurring (NR)	Fund	3-Year Total Cost
<u>Personnel and Benefits*</u>	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	_____	_____	_____	
<u>Capital Outlay</u>	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	_____	_____	_____	
<u>Contractual/</u>	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____		_____	_____	
<u>Professional Services</u>							
<u>Operating</u>	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____		_____	_____	\$ _____
<u>Total:</u>	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____				\$ _____

* This includes all staff time associated with executing the job functions of the proposed legislation.

Expenditure Narrative:

See "Fiscal Implications Narrative" above.

Revenue

Revenue Type	FYE __	FYE __	FYE __	Recurring (R) or Non-recurring (NR)	Fund
General Fund	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	_____	_____
Special Revenue	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	_____	_____
CIP	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	_____	_____
Enterprise	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	_____	_____
Internal Service	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	_____	_____
Trust and Agency	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	_____	_____
Federal	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	_____	_____
Other	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	_____	_____
Total	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____		

Revenue Narrative:

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