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Policy Subject/Title: AUTOMATED TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT POLICY

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POLICY STATEMENT:

The Town is committed to ensuring that Automated Traffic Enforcement (ATE) within the municipality meets provincial guidelines and principles, the Town's traffic safety priorities, and the needs of the community. The purpose of this policy is to:

- 1.1 Provide direction for the use of Automated Traffic Enforcement to ensure public awareness, fairness and consistency to residents and visitors within Wainwright's corporate limits.
- 1.2 Ensure that the use of Automated Traffic Enforcement is in compliance with the Province of Alberta's Automated Traffic Enforcement Technology Guideline and Guiding Principles.
- 1.3 Ensure that the use of Automated Traffic Enforcement is for the purpose of enhancing enforcement operations of traffic and pedestrian safety in the Town of Wainwright.

DEFINITIONS:

- 2.1 **Automated Traffic Enforcement Technology:** technology specifically designed to capture a photo of a traffic related violation in conjunction with radar, laser equipment or other existing or new enforcement technology for the issuance of a traffic violation ticket and deployed in a method where a conventional traffic stop by a Peace Officer was not applied.

- 2.2 **Town:** the Town of Wainwright.
- 2.3 **Data Collection:** information that has been recorded either through observation of a Peace Officer, received through traffic gathering technology, recorded through Provincial record systems (i.e. accident reports) or general information that is supported through formal studies or surveys.
- 2.4 **Peace Officer:** an officer who has been authorized by the Province of Alberta to enforce traffic laws in Wainwright including a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) or a member of a police force as outlined through the Provincial Police Act, RSA, 2000, cP-17, as well as Sheriffs and Community Peace Officers as outlined through the Alberta Peace Officer Act, SA, 2006, cP-3.5.
- 2.5 **Traffic Violation:** an act or omission that constitutes a contravention of a Municipal, Provincial or a Federal law pertaining to traffic that results in the issuance of a traffic ticket by a Peace Officer.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- 3.1 In accordance with Provincial Regulations, the Police of Jurisdiction, the Town of Wainwright RCMP will be responsible for overseeing the operation of the Automated Traffic Enforcement program which will include:
 - a. Collaborating with the Health and Safety Department for the overall management of the Town's ATE program.
 - b. Ensuring enforcement is conducted in accordance with the local Traffic Safety Plan.
 - c. Reviewing and approving site locations for ATE use.

GENERAL REGULATIONS:

- 4.1 The use of Automated Traffic Enforcement for the purpose of traffic safety shall include:
 - a. The issuance of a Traffic Violation to vehicle operators violating traffic regulations.
 - b. Data Collection for the purpose of road and traffic evaluations, for road safety improvement and overall program monitoring.
 - c. Compliance with the Province of Alberta's Automated Traffic Enforcement Technology Guideline and Guiding Principles.
 - d. Emphasis on school and playground zones for mobile ATE.

PUBLIC AWARENESS AND REPORTING:

- 5.1 The Town will follow the Provincial requirements for reporting and public awareness.
- 5.2 The Town will produce an annual report on the ATE program including the following:
 - a. Provincial audit results and recommendations (if applicable).
 - b. Additional traffic safety initiatives
 - c. Statistics on collisions, violations, site rationale, complaints, and hours of enforcement per site.
 - d. Important changes and/or successes as well as any recommendations for improvement.
- 5.3 The Town will provide Council with a copy of the annual report on the ATE program.
- 5.4 The Town will supplement its ATE program with the use of non-ticket issuing speed signs to collect data and encourage drivers to stay within speed limits.
- 5.5 The Town will develop and implement an interactive mapping program to include the following:
 - a. Opportunity for the public to view approved fixed and mobile locations to see whether sites are currently active in real-time.
 - b. Rationale for each approved site.
 - c. Statistics for each site (collisions, violations).

REVIEW CYCLE:

This policy will be reviewed every three (3) years.