



City of Cambridge

POR 2026-42
FIRST IN COUNCIL
March 2, 2026

COUNCILLOR NOLAN
COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO-WHEELER
MAYOR SIDDIQUI
COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

WHEREAS: Cambridge is committed to identifying and eliminating preventable causes of traffic fatalities and serious injuries and on several occasions Cambridge City Council has expressed intent to pursue automated traffic enforcement, and the National Highway Safety Administration research shows traffic cameras could cut serious crashes [by 25 percent](#); and

WHEREAS: As far back as [2009, the Council voted](#) to support the option for local legislation on automated red-light enforcement, and over time the Council has reaffirmed its desire to implement automated traffic enforcement including:

- [POR 2019 #37](#), in which the Council voted in support of a Massachusetts bill that would allow for camera enforcement to reduce red light and speeding violations; and
- [POR 2020 #53](#), which called for Cambridge to become a pilot city for automated traffic enforcement, which was adopted unanimously by the Council; and
- [POR 2023 #19](#), in which the Council voted to look into the feasibility of automated traffic enforcement in Cambridge; and
- [POR 2023 #30](#), in which the Council unanimously expressed support for Massachusetts bills which would allow municipalities to implement automated ticketing systems; and

[POR 2023 #120](#), in which the Council unanimously voted to submit a Home Rule Petition which would allow Cambridge to employ automated enforcement; and

WHEREAS: Home Rule Petitions need to be resubmitted periodically due to expiration in the state legislature and additionally, the legal framework of the legislation has changed slightly since state law changes to [camera enforcement for buses](#) were enacted; and

WHEREAS: Road safety advocates, Democratic lawmakers, and [Governor Maura Healey](#) are pushing varying bills that would allow local and state officials to install and operate cameras to enforce red light, speeding, or other moving violations, including “An Act Relative To Traffic Regulation Using Road Safety Cameras,” Senate Bill [S.2344](#) and House Bill [H.3754](#); now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the Cambridge City Council supports House Bill [H.3754](#), and Senate Bill [S.2344](#), “An Act Relative to Traffic Regulation Using Road Safety Cameras; and be it further

ORDERED That the Cambridge City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a copy of this

resolution to each member of the Cambridge delegation to the state legislature; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with relevant departments to review the state bills referenced as well as the previously filed Home Rule Petition and prepare a new Home Rule Petition that would allow Cambridge to install and operate cameras to enforce red light, speeding, or other moving violations as outlined in H.3754 and S.2344 and the prior home rule; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council in a timely manner.

In City Council March 2, 2026.

Adopted by a ye and nay vote:-

Yeas 8; Nays 0; Present 1; Absent 0.

Attest:- Paula M. Crane, Interim City Clerk

A true copy;

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Paula M. Crane".

ATTEST:-

Paula M. Crane
Interim City Clerk

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