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The Honorable
Erie County Legislature
92 Franklin Street, 4th Floor
Buffalo, New York 14202

RE: Authorization to Charge For Traffic Safety Services
IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION REQUEST

Dear Honorable Members:

Enclosed please find a resolution and accompanying memorandum requesting authorization to charge for certain Sheriff's Office traffic safety details.

Should your Honorable Body require further information, please contact the Chief of Administrative Services. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,

Timothy B. Howard
Erie County Sheriff

A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY
OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF

RE: Authorization to Charge For Traffic Safety Services

WHEREAS, from time to time the Erie County Sheriff's Office is requested to provide traffic safety details for utility and construction companies, and

WHEREAS, other municipal policing entities including the New York State Police charge utility, construction and other companies for said services, and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Sheriff's Office does not currently have legislative authorization to charge for traffic safety details, and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Sheriff's Office would like to have authorization to charge non-governmental entities for traffic safety details in an effort to defray costs to county taxpayers,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Sheriff's Office is authorized to charge for traffic safety details to non-governmental entities at an hourly rate equivalent to the cost of providing the service, and be it further

RESOLVED, that funds derived from the provision of traffic safety details shall be recorded in Business Area 115, Sheriff Division, to be utilized for the maintenance and repair of the Sheriff's Road Patrol fleet; and be it further

RESOLVED, that upon receipt of actual funds from a traffic safety detail, the Director of Budget and Management shall appropriate said funds within the revenue and expense accounts of the Sheriff Division, and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Erie County Sheriff's Chief of Administration, the County Executive, the Division of Budget and Management and the Office of Comptroller.

ACCOMPANYING MEMORANDUM

RE: Authorization to Charge For Traffic Safety Services

I. Summary of Recommended Action

The attached resolution requests authorization to allow the Erie County Sheriff's Office to charge non-governmental agencies such as utility companies and road construction contractors for traffic safety details.

II. Fiscal Implications of Proposal

Funds from these services would be deposited in the Sheriff's Office repairs and maintenance account and utilized to defray police service costs.

III. Reasons for Recommendation

Municipal police agencies across New York State charge non-governmental entities for traffic safety details. Utility companies and contractors willingly pay for these services as it increases safety for their employees. The Erie County Sheriff's Office does not currently have legislative authorization to charge for these services.

IV. Consequences of Negative Action

Failure to approve this request will prevent the Sheriff's Office from charging for services that other police agencies currently charge for.

V. Steps Following Approval of Measure

Certified copies of this resolution will be forwarded to the Division of Budget and Management, Erie County Comptroller, the County Executive and the Sheriff's Office for implementation.