

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

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**ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUANCE SYSTEM**

Mayor's Order 2023-046  
March 22, 2023

**SUBJECT:** Establishment — Mayor's Task Force on Automated Traffic Enforcement Equity and Safety

**ORIGINATING AGENCY:** Office of the Mayor

By virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor by section 422(11) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973, 87 Stat. 790, Pub. L. 93-198, D.C. Official Code § 1-204.22(11), it is hereby **ORDERED** that:

I. **Establishment of the Mayor's Task Force on Automated Traffic Enforcement Equity and Safety**

There is hereby established within the executive branch of the Government of the District of Columbia the Mayor's Task Force on Automated Traffic Enforcement Equity and Safety ("Task Force").

II. **Purpose and Duties**

- A. The Task Force shall serve as an advisory body to research and provide recommendations on the District's automated traffic enforcement ("ATE") and other moving violation laws, policies, procedures, and practices, including the fine schedule and financial penalties for late payments, to mitigate against the potentially inequitable effects of the fine, penalty, and enforcement systems on individuals of varying household incomes while also maintaining the effectiveness of the ATE program and other moving violation programs in mitigating threats to public safety.
- B. Among such other issues as the Task Force may decide to review and make recommendations on, the Task Force shall review the following:
  - 1. Ways to maximize the efficacy of the ATE program in reducing the frequency and severity of crashes and traffic fatalities;
  - 2. The fine amounts and penalties authorized for ATE violations and other moving violations in the District and options for making them more equitable;

3. The feasibility and advisability of:
    - a. An ability-to-pay pilot program for the payment of fines; and
    - b. A temporary and/or targeted amnesty program for ATE and other moving violation fines and penalties;
  4. Potential equity concerns related to the sites of existing ATE locations and the standards for siting future ATE locations;
  5. Ways to clarify, simplify, and streamline the payment processes associated with traffic ticket fines and penalties, including delinquent debt, to lessen administrative burdens on the public; and
  6. Possible approaches to incentivize other jurisdictions to collect outstanding fines from the owners of vehicles registered outside the District.
- C. In carrying out its responsibilities under this Order, the Task Force shall review and consider:
1. Traffic fine schedules and payment plan models from other jurisdictions, technical literature, and academic and scientific research;
  2. Relevant programs, policies, laws, judicial decisions, and regulations from local, national, and international contexts.

### III. **Composition, Organization, and Administration**

- A. The Task Force shall consist of the following nine (9) members:
1. The Chief Equity Officer for the District of Columbia ("Chief Equity Officer"), or their designee;
  2. The Deputy Mayor for Operations and Infrastructure, or their designee;
  3. The City Administrator, or their designee;
  4. The Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice, or their designee; and
  5. The Director or other head of each of the following District agencies and offices, or their designee:
    - a. The District Department of Transportation;
    - b. The Department of Motor Vehicles;

- c. The Department of Public Works;
  - d. The Metropolitan Police Department; and
  - e. The Office of Policy and Legislative Affairs.
- B. The Chief Equity Officer and Deputy Mayor for Operations and Infrastructure, or their designees, shall serve as co-chairs of the Task Force.
- C. The co-chairs may:
  - 1. Request participation in the activities of the Task Force by additional representatives from the agencies and offices listed in section III.A. of this Order and by representatives of other District agencies;
  - 2. Invite participation by the Council of the District of Columbia, the Office of the Chief Financial Officer, and non-governmental organizations in Task Force activities, including meetings of the Task Force; and
  - 3. Create subcommittees of the Task Force to carry out work of the Task Force. The subcommittees may include individuals, including non-government individuals, who are not members of the Task Force.
- D. The Office of the Deputy Mayor for Operations and Infrastructure and the Office of Racial Equity shall provide administrative support to the Task Force.

#### IV. **Report**

The Task Force shall submit the following two reports to the City Administrator:

- A. An initial report, which shall be submitted by September 30, 2023, and which shall include:
  - 1. A list of the Task Force's priorities for research and review;
  - 2. A workplan for the Task Force, which shall include a timeline of its planned activities and meetings;
  - 3. Any initial recommendations of the Task Force; and
- B. A final report, which shall be submitted by September 30, 2024, and which shall include:
  - 1. Recommendations for changes to existing laws, regulations, or policies, and for other administrative reforms, concerning the ATE program and other moving violation programs, the fines and penalties for ATE violations and

other moving violations, and fine and penalty payment methods, to make the ATE program and other moving violation programs, and their fines, penalty, and enforcement aspects, more equitable;


2. Any other recommendations of the Task Force; and
3. Identification of the resources needed for the implementation of each recommendation.

V. **Sunset**

The Task Force shall sunset sixty (60) days after it submits to the City Administrator the final report required by section IV.A.2 of this Order.

VI. **Effective Date**

This Order shall become effective immediately.

  
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MURIEL E. BOWSER  
MAYOR

ATTEST:   
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KIMBERLY A. BASSETT  
SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA