

# CITY OF ALLENTOWN

RESOLUTION

R79 – 2024

*Introduced by City Council on May 1, 2024*

A resolution of Allentown City Council supporting Senate Bill 37 – which would prohibit the use of hand-held interactive wireless communications devices (cellular phones and similar items) while operating a motor vehicle on state roadways.

***Resolved by the Council of the City of Allentown, That***

**WHEREAS**, the Pa State House passed a law prohibiting the use of hand-held interactive wireless communications devices (cellular phones and similar items) while operating a motor vehicle on the roadways of the Commonwealth; and

**Whereas**, the bill now is in the Senate, chiefly sponsored by Senator Rosemary Brown, and would make all forms of phone use while driving a primary offense subject to a \$50 fine, plus court costs and other fees. Brown first introduced the bill when she was a state representative in 2012 and has introduced it multiple times since then.

**Whereas**, all states surrounding Pennsylvania — from Ohio to New Jersey — have already made cellphone use while driving a primary offense.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that City Council supporting Senate Bill 37 – which would prohibit the use of hand-held interactive wireless communications devices (cellular phones and similar items) while operating a motor vehicle on state roadways.

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