



# Richmond City Council

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Richmond, Virginia

## Office of Council Chief of Staff

### Public Safety Standing Committee

January 27, 2026

#### Legislative Summary

**Previous Meeting:** October 28, 2025

**Next Meeting:** February 24, 2026

#### Committee Notes

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##### **Presentation Items:**

- Staff Note: Requested presentation(s) will be rescheduled due to pending weather emergency.

##### **Discussion Items:**

- Staff Note: Discussion items will be rescheduled due to pending weather emergency.
- See attached draft 2026 presentation schedule for the Committee.

#### Ordinances & Resolutions for Consideration

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##### **1. Ordinance No. 2025-287**

**Patron** Mayor Avula

##### Key Points:

- Amends City Code § 27-131, concerning the traffic signal enforcement program, for the purpose of establishing the way civil penalties are allocated.
- Establishes the "Safety Camera Special Fund" (Fund).
- The fund will be used to receive civil penalty proceeds from summons issued for traffic violations under the traffic signal enforcement program established under section 27-131 of the City Code.
- The amendment provides that the money in the fund is to be reserved for: 1.) sustaining the program and 2.) implementing Vision Zero Action Plan strategies.
- The City's Safe and Healthy Streets Commission endorses this proposal. Its resolution to do so is attached to the legislation.
- This necessary mechanism was not provided for in the paper establishing the Traffic Signal Enforcement Program, Ord. 2007-179-156 and 2025-057 which makes it difficult to expend proceed from the civil penalties.

Staff Questions:

1. How much of the funds are expected to be paid into administration of the program versus for vision zero needs?
2. Where has the money been going until now (before the establishment of this fund). How much money has already been collected to date?
3. Which Vision Zero needs will receive money from the fund?
4. Will the new DOT decide on allocations from the fund? If not, who?
5. Will disbursements from the fund require Council endorsement?

Fiscal Impact:  None  Yes. The Administration's O&R indicates that \$2M will be added to the City's Special Fund Budget.