Ordinance 937 Combatting Street Racing

June 21, 2021 City Attorney's Office Shoreline Police













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Police bust 40 during illegal street racing patrols in Kent and neighboring cities

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Police officers from Kent, Auburn, Rentor and Tukwila worked with the Washington State Patrol to arrest more than 40 people during a recent crackdown on illegal street racing in the cities.

The enforcement emphasis was a result o safety concerns from residents and

businesses, according to a July 21 State Patrol media release. The illegal street racing events have led to serious injury collisions, property damage to private businesses, multiple fights, shootings, stabbings and various other criminal activities.

Officers with assistance from King County Sheriff's Office air support unit located and contacted large groups of individuals street racing and attending street races in multiple cities the night of July 14 throughout the county.

Courtesy of Kent Report

2020 SPEEDING/RACING CITATIONS ISSUED

3.888 hazardous

SAFETY VIOLATIONS SUCH AS RUNNING A RED LIGHT OR STOP SIGN

10,121 regulatory

ADMINISTRATIVE VIOLATIONS SUCH AS REGISTRATION, DRIVER'S LICENSE OR INSURANCE

612 specator

1,1196 arrests

184 felonies

48 guns seized

72 incidents of narcotics seized

659 vehicles towed

34 stolen vehicles recovered

SOURCE: DALLAS POLICE

Calls received by police to report racing and speeding













Proposed Regulations

Street Racing – defines broadly to include racing, burning of tires, donuts, and other exhibitions of speed

Drivers -

- charged with Reckless Driving pursuant to RCW 46.61.500
- gross misdemeanor (up to 364 days and not more than \$5000 fine)
- if convicted, Court can impound vehicle up to 30 days





Proposed Regulations

Spectators –

- broadly defined but requires knowledge
- violation is misdemeanor (up to 90 days and not more than \$1000 fine)

All types of Property - applies to both public streets and private property; sets 200 feet distance to protect innocent bystanders





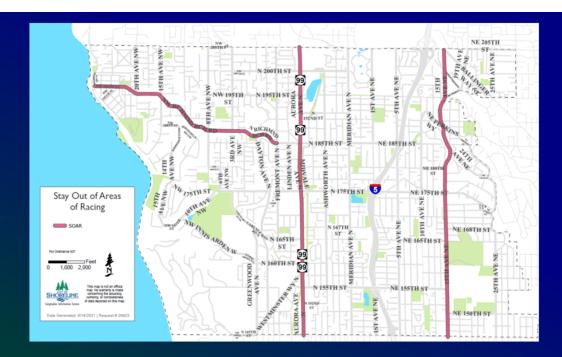
Proposed Regulations

Designates certain roads in Shoreline as "No Racing Zones"

- Aurora Avenue
- 15th Avenue NE
- · Richmond Beach Road

Comparable to the City's SODA and SOAP regulations in creating "Stay Out of Areas of Racing Order" (SOAR Order) to discourage repeat offenders

- City Prosecuting Attorney can ask Court for SOAR Order for up to 1 year
- Allows Shoreline Police to arrest and impound vehicle for knowingly violating the SOAR Order
- Will require the posting of signs at certain points along designated zones
- Regulations do not have a time restriction; could be during nighttime hours only like Tacoma









Vehicle Impound

Washington Supreme Court recently found unconstitutional a RCW that required summary impound in DUI matters; therefore, questionable whether summary impound at time of arrest/citation would be upheld by Court

Shoreline Police have authority to impound when the driver is arrested and taken into custody under SMC 10.05.030(B) and RCW 46.55.113

KCSO General Orders Manual 9.04.000 – vehicle impounds procedures

Proposed regulations do permit, the Court to order impound of up to 30 days after conviction and is impound also possible for violation of SOAR Order





Questions?

Return for potential action on July 19, 2021

