

RESOLUTION NO. 20060727-093

WHEREAS, significant numbers of traffic collisions occur in Austin because of motorists who disregard red lights at intersections, causing deaths and personal injuries, as well as property damage; and

WHEREAS, several Texas cities have adopted ordinances authorizing the use of photographic traffic monitoring technology provided by private vendors to assist in enforcing compliance with ordinances relating to traffic control signals;

WHEREAS, many cities nationwide have realized a reduction in the number of motorists who disregard red lights at intersections and have reduced the incidences of traffic collisions at intersections therefore improving safety of their city's roads;

WHEREAS, current technology protects the privacy of motorists by photographing only a vehicle's license plate and not the occupants in the vehicle;

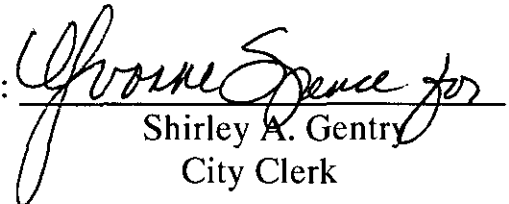
WHEREAS, enforcement of traffic control signals by photographic traffic monitoring may be more effective if implemented by ordinance establishing administrative processes and penalties, rather than criminal enforcement; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

That the City Manager be directed to create an implementation plan to be reviewed by council for enforcement of traffic control signals by a photographic monitoring system, including the feasibility of contracting with a private vendor, adoption of an ordinance establishing a pilot program including administrative processes and penalties, and report back to Council in ninety days after this resolution.

ADOPTED: July 27, 2006

ATTEST:


Shirley A. Gentry
City Clerk