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Public Works
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

ITEM No. 14

**Subject:** Approve an ordinance amending Chapter 12-1 of the City Code to add Article 6 relating to automated red light enforcement

## Additional Backup Material

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No Attachments Available

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On July 27, 2006, Council adopted a resolution directing the City Manager to create an implementation plan for Automated Red Light Enforcement by means of Photographic Traffic Monitoring Systems. The goal of the Automated Red Light Enforcement Program is to reduce fatal and injury crashes at monitored intersections by 25 percent

Article 6 of the Code of Ordinances will impose a civil penalty upon the owner or driver of a vehicle that proceeds into a monitored intersection when the traffic control signal for that vehicle's direction of travel is emitting a steady red signal, and evidence indicates that the vehicle failed to make a legal turn on red. The civil penalty for a single violation is \$75 if timely paid. A \$25 late payment fee is charged if payment is made on or after the 21st day after the date of the notice, and a \$150 (recidivist) penalty is imposed for a third or subsequent violation within any 12-month period

All penalties and fees collected under this Program will be deposited into a traffic safety fund and used for traffic and pedestrian safety projects, traffic enforcement efforts, roadway improvement projects and those costs affiliated with the administration of the Program.

The City will issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) to solicit vendors that are interested in participating in a 60-day pilot study of Photographic Traffic Monitoring Systems. Interested vendors will bear all costs associated with equipment installation/deinstallation, operation, maintenance, training, monitoring and processing of violations for and during the pilot study. No citations will be issued during the pilot study. Upon completion of the pilot study, staff will evaluate the vendors' performances and recommend a vendor for award of a five-year Photographic Traffic Monitoring System contract at not more than 15 separate intersections.