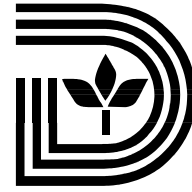


Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE February 15, 2008

TO Members of Public Safety Committee: Dr. Elba García, Mayor Pro Tem, Chair; Dwaine R. Caraway, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem, Vice-Chair; Jerry R. Allen, Tennell Atkins, Sheffie Kadane, Ron Natinsky, David A. Neumann, and Mitchell Rasansky

SUBJECT Public Works and Transportation— Automated Red Light Enforcement Commission Ordinance

On September 1, 2007, state legislation became effective that defines specific requirements for municipalities that operate a red light camera enforcement program. One of the provisions requires the creation of an automated red light enforcement commission.

Under the proposed ordinance, the automated red light enforcement commission of the city will be an advisory body of 15 members. Each city council member shall appoint one member to the commission, with the mayor appointing the chair, and the full city council appointing the vice-chair. The proposed ordinance also establishes the following guidelines for the commission:

- All members will be appointed for an initial term to expire on September 30, 2009 with subsequent appointments made in September of each odd-numbered year for a two-year term beginning on October 1.
- The traffic engineer of the city or a designated representative shall serve as an ex officio, nonvoting member of the commission.
- The commission shall act as an advisory body to the city manager and the city council and shall:
 - make recommendations relating to the city's automated red light enforcement program;
 - make recommendations relating to the installation and operation of photographic traffic signal enforcement systems in the city;
 - review results of traffic engineering studies for camera-enforced intersections;
 - review the placement of photographic traffic signal enforcement systems to help ensure that camera-enforced intersections are selected without regard to the ethnic or socioeconomic characteristics of the area in which the intersections are located; and
 - perform other duties assigned by the city council or requested by the city manager.

Attached is a draft of the proposed ordinance amending Chapter 28 of the Dallas City Code. This ordinance is scheduled for action at the February 27, 2008 council meeting.

If you have any questions, or need additional information please let me know.

Ramón F. Míguez, P.E.
Assistant City Manager

Attachment

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ORDINANCE NO. _____

An ordinance adding Article XIX, Division 3 (composed of Sections 28-218 through 28-219) to CHAPTER 28, "MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC," of the Dallas City Code, as amended; creating the automated red light enforcement commission; establishing duties and functions of the commission; providing a saving clause; providing a severability clause; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DALLAS:

SECTION 1. That Article XIX, "Photographic Enforcement and Administrative Adjudication of Red Light Violations," of CHAPTER 28, "MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC," of the Dallas City Code, as amended, is amended by adding Division 3, "Automated Red Light Enforcement Commission," to be composed of Sections 28-218 through 28-219, to read as follows:

"Division 3. Automated Red Light Enforcement Commission.

**SEC. 28-218. AUTOMATED RED LIGHT ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION
CREATED.**

(a) There is hereby created the automated red light enforcement commission of the city, which shall be an advisory body of 15 members. Each city council member shall appoint one member to the commission. The mayor shall appoint the chair, and the full city council shall appoint the vice-chair.

(b) All members will be appointed for an initial term to expire on September 30, 2009. Subsequent appointments will be made in September of each odd-numbered year for a two-year term beginning on October 1. All members shall serve until their successors are appointed and qualified.

(c) The traffic engineer of the city or a designated representative shall serve as an ex officio, nonvoting member of the commission.

SEC. 28-219. DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS.

(a) The commission shall act as an advisory body to the city manager and the city council and shall:

(1) make recommendations relating to the city's automated red light enforcement program;

(2) make recommendations relating to the installation and operation of photographic traffic signal enforcement systems in the city;

(3) review results of traffic engineering studies for camera-enforced intersections;

(4) review the placement of photographic traffic signal enforcement systems to help ensure that camera-enforced intersections are selected without regard to the ethnic or socioeconomic characteristics of the area in which the intersections are located; and

(5) perform other duties assigned by the city council or requested by the city manager.

(b) The city manager shall provide staff to assist the commission in performing its duties and functions.

(c) The city manager shall present the recommendations of the commission, along with any recommendations of the city manager, to the city council."

SECTION 2. That CHAPTER 28 of the Dallas City Code, as amended, will remain in full force and effect, save and except as amended by this ordinance.

SECTION 3. That the terms and provisions of this ordinance are severable and are governed by Section 1-4 of CHAPTER 1 of the Dallas City Code, as amended.

SECTION 4. That this ordinance will take effect immediately from and after its passage and publication in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of the City of Dallas, and it is accordingly so ordained.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

THOMAS P. PERKINS, JR., City Attorney

By _____
Assistant City Attorney

Passed _____

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