



Memorandum

Date: July 8, 2019
To: Mark D. Israelson, City Manager
From: Gregory W. Rushin, Chief of Police *gr*
Subject: Request of Council to Repeal Ordinance No. 2007-8-25 Red Light Cameras

Article X of Chapter 12 of the City of Plano Municipal Code of Ordinances was enacted in August of 2004 and established that: "the owner of a motor vehicle is liable for a civil penalty of \$75 if, while facing only a steady red signal displayed by an electrically operated traffic-control signal located in the city, the vehicle is operated in violation of the instructions of that traffic-control signal as specified by Texas Transportation Code, Section 544.007(d).

In June of 2007 Governor Rick Perry signed Senate Bill 1119, which became effective on September 1, 2007. This bill established procedures for local entities that opted to use cameras to cite owners of vehicles that illegally run through red lights. The bill also provided specific processes for implementing a Photographic Traffic Signal Enforcement Program, contracting certain duties to a vendor, imposing a civil penalty, and creating a hearing and appeals process. In August of 2007, the Plano City Council enacted Plano City Ordinance No. 2007-8-25 to comply with requirements of Senate Bill 1119.

On June 2, 2019, Governor Greg Abbott signed House Bill 1631 which immediately prohibited the use of a traffic signal enforcement system. Upon the governor's signature, the City of Plano immediately stopped the issuance of notices related to the red light camera program. Therefore, we request to repeal Plano City Ordinance No. 2007-8-25 regarding Red Light Cameras, as it is in conflict with current Texas State law.