



MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and City Council
From: Mac Tristan, Chief of Police
Date: August 05, 2013
Reference: **Consideration of approval of a Contract between Redflex Traffic Systems, Inc. and the City of Coppel to provide enforcement and collection of unpaid photo red light enforcement notices.**

2030: Coppel 2030, Healthy Neighborhoods

Introduction:

On December 01, 2006, the City of Coppel entered into a contract with Redflex Traffic Systems, Inc. to provide photo red light enforcement services. Part of this enforcement includes a civil penalty mailed to the registered owner of the vehicle for violating the ordinance. However, not all vehicle owners pay their violation notices; they are referred to as scofflaws. Redflex has initiated their Automated Scofflaw Program (ASP) to address this problem. ASP utilizes an enforcement tool under Texas Transportation Code Chapter 707 to block the motor vehicle registration renewal process of motorists who have unpaid civil notices issued by the City of Coppel.

Analysis:

All violation notices issued by the SafeLight Coppel program are approved by Coppel Police Officers in accordance with state law regulating automated traffic enforcement. A scofflaw has received a notice(s), but has not taken action to address it. Redflex has identified 6,665 scofflaws as of January 2013, which accounts for \$650,850.00 in uncollected funds. These individuals owe the city \$75.00 or more, are 91 days or more past due on their violation notice(s), and their vehicle is registered in Texas. These criteria are sufficient to take action under the ASP program to establish compliance for the unpaid violation notices. The proposed contract has an initial term of five years in addition to two optional five-year extensions.

Fiscal Impact:

The terms of the proposed agreement include a \$5.00 payment to Redflex for each successful registration hold/flag placed on a scofflaw's vehicle registration. Invoicing for the ASP service will be held for 90 days following the submission of the initial batch file. The payments owed to Redflex will be made through the collected funds.

Legal Review:

Agenda item was reviewed by Robert Hager.

Recommendation:

The Police Department has found this action to be supportive of the Coppel 2030 Master Plan in Maintaining Healthy and Safe Neighborhoods. As such, staff recommends City Council approval for Coppel to enter into a five year contract with Redflex Traffic Systems, Inc. for scofflaw enforcement and authorizing the City Manager to sign.