

MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and City Council **From:** Mac Tristan, Chief of Police

Date: February 27, 2018

Reference: Consideration of approval of a contract extension with Redflex Traffic Systems,

Inc. for continued use of their Automated Scofflaw Program (ASP) service and

authorizing the City Manager to sign.

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Introduction:

In July 2007 the City of Coppell began utilizing automated red-light enforcement through a program named SafeLight Coppell. The City contracted with Redflex Traffic Systems, Inc. to provide automated traffic enforcement services. Chapter 707.017 of the Texas Transportation Code (TRC) allows a city to request the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles block the vehicle registration renewal of a person who has received a SafeLight Coppell violation notice, but failed to pay for the notice. In May 2013, the City of Coppell contracted with Redflex to utilize their Automated Scofflaw Program (ASP) to leverage the enforcement capability afforded under TRC 707.017. The initial term of the ASP contract will terminate in May 2018; this request is to consider utilizing the first extension of the initial contract for another five-year term.

Analysis:

The ASP program serves as an enforcement enhancement component to the SafeLight Coppell program, focused on violators who have failed to act upon their violation notice. The ASP program helps to reduce recidivism of red light runners since violators know that ignoring the violation is no longer a viable option. Since the first registration blocks for Coppell were placed in January 2014, a total of 8,201 blocks have been successfully placed and 3,486 payments received.

Fiscal Impact:

Over the course of the contract from January 2014 through January 2018, a total of \$337,560.00 has been collected from scofflaws.

Legal Review:

Agenda item was reviewed by City Attorney Robert Hager.

Recommendation:

The Police Department recommends that City Council approve this request for a contract extension between the City of Coppell and Redflex Traffic Systems to continue utilizing the Automated Scofflaw Program (ASP) for an additional five-year term and authorize the City Manager to sign any applicable documents.