CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

FROM: The Office of the City Manager **DATE:** May 14, 2018

SUBJECT: Authorize the City Manager to execute an interlocal agreement with the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles for scofflaw services for the city's Automated Traffic Signal Enforcement Program.

PRESENTER: Jimmy Perdue, Director of Public Safety

SUMMARY:

The City of North Richland Hills has a contract with Redflex Systems, Inc., (contractor) to provide an automated traffic signal enforcement (red light camera) program aimed at improving traffic safety for the citizens using our roadways. The Texas Transportation Code encourages violators to honor civil penalties for violation of city ordinances by preventing the owner's vehicle registration if the penalty has not been paid to the city.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

State law authorizes the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to refuse to register a vehicle of an owner who has failed to pay a fine or penalty to a city for violation of the city's traffic laws. A city may contract with the county or the DMV to provide information to the assessor-collector or to the DMV to make a determination as to whether the DMV may refuse to register a vehicle due to failure to pay a fine. The agreement with the DVM will filter those violators with past due amounts that (1) owe $75 or more, (2) are 91 days or more in arrears and (3) the vehicle registration information at the time of the offense is still current. Redflex provides electronic files to the DMV that will make a notation of the failure to pay on the violator's next vehicle registration renewal.

Participation in this program is through an interlocal agreement with the Texas DMV. The initial interlocal agreement was completed in 2011 and has expired. A new interlocal agreement is needed to maintain our participation in the program.

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the City Manager to execute an interlocal agreement with Texas Department of Motor Vehicles for scofflaw services for the city's Automated Traffic Signal Enforcement Program.