



CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

FROM: The Office of the City Manager **DATE:** December 9, 2019
SUBJECT: Approve Ordinance No. 3623, repealing Chapter 54, Article X of the North Richland Hills Code of Ordinances, Photographic Traffic Signal Enforcement.
PRESENTER: Jeff Williams, Police Captain

SUMMARY:

On November 13, 2006, the North Richland Hills City Council unanimously passed Ordinance No. 2911 establishing Chapter 54, Article X, of the Code of Ordinances implementing the photographic traffic signal system enforcement program and enforcement thereof. On July 23, 2007, Ordinance No. 2946 was subsequently enacted amending Chapter 54, Article X to conform to state law in accordance with Chapter 707 of the Texas Transportation Code. Upon the convening of the 86th Texas Legislature, House Bill 1631 was passed and placed into effect June 1, 2019 repealing Chapter 707 of the Transportation Code, which authorized the use of Photographic Traffic Signal Enforcement.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

Chapter 707 Section 707.020 of the Texas Transportation Code adopted by the 86th Legislature on May 17, 2019 now reads:

- (a) Notwithstanding any other law, a local authority may not implement or operate a photographic traffic signal enforcement system with respect to a highway or street under the jurisdiction of the authority.

Chapter 707 Section 707.021 of the Texas Transportation Code adopted by the 86th Legislature on May 17, 2019 now reads:

Notwithstanding any other law, a local authority may not issue a civil or criminal charge or citation for an offense or violation based on a recorded image produced by a photographic traffic signal enforcement system.

City Council is asked to approve an ordinance repealing the corresponding article of the Code of Ordinances for photographic traffic signal enforcement.



RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Ordinance No. 3623, repealing Chapter 54, Article X of the North Richland Hills Code of Ordinances, Photographic Traffic Signal Enforcement.