



CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

FROM: The Office of the City Manager **DATE:** May 14, 2018
SUBJECT: Consider Ordinance No. 3505, amending Chapter 54, Article X, of the City of North Richland Hills Code of Ordinances, Automated Traffic Signal Enforcement.

PRESENTER: Jimmy Perdue, Director of Public Safety

SUMMARY:

The City of North Richland Hills has an automated traffic signal enforcement (red light camera) program aimed at improving traffic safety for citizens using our roadways. Texas state law allows a city, by contract, to provide information to the county or to the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) that would allow the DMV to refuse to register a vehicle if the owner fails to pay a fine for violation of the city's traffic laws. This action is to amend the City Code of Ordinances to be consistent with state law and specifically authorize that action.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

Section 702.003 of the Texas Transportation Code allows a local government to contract with the county or the Texas DMV where the city provides information to the assessor-collector or to the DMV that would prevent the DMV from allowing a vehicle owner to register a vehicle if the owner has failed to pay a fine for violation of a traffic law. The DMV requires this agreement to be specifically authorized by ordinance or resolution. This action is to amend Chapter 54 to include specific language for the City Council to authorize an agreement for this purpose in accordance with Chapter 791 of the Texas Government Code.

For consistency with state law, the amendment to this ordinance includes statutory language that provides that (1) if the owner of a motor vehicle is delinquent in the payment of a civil penalty imposed under this chapter, the county assessor-collector or the DMV may refuse to register a motor vehicle alleged to have been involved in the violation; and (2) the city or the person or entity with which the city contracts for the administration and enforcement of a photographic traffic signal enforcement system may not provide information about a civil penalty imposed under this chapter to a credit bureau, as defined by Section 392.001, Finance Code.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Ordinance No. 3505.