



AGENDA ITEM NO. 19

CITY OF HAWTHORNE City Council AGENDA BILL

For the meeting of June 11, 2024

Originating Department: Police - Operations

City Manager:


Vontray Norris

Chief of Police:


Gary Tomatani

SUBJECT:

Third Amendment to Exclusive Agreement Between the City of Hawthorne and Redflex Traffic Systems, Inc. for Photo Red Light Enforcement Program.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Staff recommends that the City Council approve and authorize the City Manager to execute the Third Amendment to the Exclusive Agreement Between the City of Hawthorne, and Redflex Traffic Systems, Inc. for Photo Red Light Enforcement Program.

DISCUSSION:

In 2003, the City of Hawthorne entered into an agreement with Redflex Traffic Systems, Inc. to begin a Photo Red Light Enforcement Program. This enforcement program currently encompasses approaches at four intersections within the City.

In April, 2009, a new Exclusive Agreement Between the City of Hawthorne, in the County of Los Angeles, CA and Redflex Traffic Systems, Inc. for Photo Red Light Enforcement Program was entered into.

In March, 2012, the City of Hawthorne and Redflex Traffic Systems, Inc. approved Amendment No. One to the Exclusive Agreement of April 2009.

In December, 2020, the Second Amendment to the agreement of April, 2009 extended the term of the Exclusive Agreement of April, 2009, through the end of FY 2023/24.

Approval of the proposed Third Amendment to the agreement of April, 2009 will extend the term of the Exclusive Agreement of April, 2009, through the end of FY 2028/29.

The red-light photo enforcement program addresses a specific issue (red light violations) at each location where it is placed. The table below illustrates figures obtained from the red light photo enforcement program for two calendar years, 2005 and 2023, reflecting the stats of the first year of the program and the latest year.

Calendar Year	Incidents Reviewed	Notices Printed	Citations Issued
2005	30,303	12,549	6,384
2023	26,429	20,256	10,064
% Change	12.89% Decrease*	61.95% Increase	63.43% Increase

- Incidents Reviewed: Total number of possible red light camera violations processed by Redflex Traffic Systems, Inc., and submitted for review to Hawthorne Police Department staff.
- Notices Printed: Total number of actual citations combined with requests for information issued at the direction of Hawthorne Police Department staff after reviewing the incident.
- Citations Issued: Total number of citations issued.

Beginning with calendar year 2004 and ending with calendar year 2023, there have been in excess of 300,000 citations issued via the red-light photo enforcement program. The actual number of citations issued increased between 2005 and 2023, the total number of potential violations actually decreased 12.89%. This is indicative of an effective traffic education program. Many motorists consistently drive the same route on a daily basis based on their routines (work commutes, school, etc.). The decrease in potential violations from 2005 to 2023 shows that these consistent drivers are aware of the red-light cameras at the four intersections covered by the program, and have adjusted their driving habits accordingly.

Despite the drop in overall possible violations depicted in the table above, there continues to be a sufficient amount of violations occurring to warrant continuation of the program at the current locations. The presence of the program in these high traffic areas frees up officers and police resources to other areas where they are needed.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIC PLAN:

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.

NOTICING PROCEDURES:

72 hours posted notice pursuant to the Ralph M. Brown Act

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Hawthorne Contract
2. Hawthorne 1st Amendment
3. Hawthorne 2nd Amendment
4. Hawthorne 3rd Amendment