

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, red light cameras have been deemed unconstitutional in several of the United States, specifically regarding abolishment of due process and government monitoring without a warrant, and

WHEREAS, the Great City of Lubbock, Texas should have worked with its Austin delegation of Representatives and Senator on red light cameras and waited for the legislative session to complete before enacting local ordinances regarding same, and

WHEREAS, the primary intent of red light cameras is revenue generation, not safety and revenue expectations have been significantly reduced, and

WHEREAS, there are as many studies showing no safety benefits, as showing safety benefits of red light cameras, thus cancelling out any proof of same, and, if the State of Texas would have deemed this a safety issue, it would have provided criminal penalties, recording of an offence on driving records and increased auto insurance risk allowances for violators, and

WHEREAS, the majority of the citizens of the Great City of Lubbock, Texas do not want red light cameras in their city, and

WHEREAS, the State of Texas has amended its statutes to prohibit or substantially change the operation of photo red light enforcement systems by: a) “capping” the fine that may be imposed on violators, b) mandating that half of the revenue from these systems go to the state, and c) dictating how the city may utilize its revenue from same, and as the State has significantly reduced or provided no cost benefit to the city for use of such red light camera systems; NOW THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LUBBOCK:

SECTION 1. THAT due to substantial changes in photo red light enforcement laws enacted by the State Legislature in the 2007 Legislative Session by passage of SB 1119, the City Council of the City of Lubbock hereby exercises its unilateral right under Section 6.1 to terminate the Agreement for Red Light Photo Enforcement entered into by the City of Lubbock and American Traffic Solutions, Inc., March 22, 2007.

SECTION 2. THAT the City Secretary of the City of Lubbock is hereby authorized and directed to serve a certified copy of this Resolution as written notice that the contract has been terminated and the ATS shall immediately cease to provide services and shall commence “procedures upon termination” pursuant to Section 6.4 of the said Agreement.