



## STAFF REPORT

ITEM NO. 2

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TO: POLICE AND FIRE COMMITTEE  
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SUBJECT: REDFLEX CONTRACT TERMINATION

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### RECOMMENDED ACTION

It is recommended that the Committee support staff's recommendation to terminate the current contract with Redflex Traffic Systems Inc.

### GOAL STATEMENT

The proposed action will support the City's goal to provide better Police field services and be fiscally responsible to the community.

### BACKGROUND

Currently the City is under contract with Redflex to provide automated red light enforcement services to the Police Department. The contract was entered into June 2003, with initial installation at two approaches within the intersection of Mountain Avenue and 8<sup>th</sup> Street. Two more intersections were later added at Mountain Avenue and Foothill Boulevard, as well as Euclid Avenue and Foothill Boulevard, each utilizing two approaches. The Internal review of the potential violations utilizes an officer within the Police Department to issue the citations.

### ISSUES/ANALYSIS

The monthly revenue from the service has not covered the salary and benefits of those who review and issue potential violations. Redflex also desires to eliminate

an \$8,900 credit per month, which has allowed the system to remain financially neutral at best. There is also a reduction of manpower and public service in the field, while the Officer is operating the system at the Police Department. Elimination of the system would free up the officer to handle eminent business and focus on other enforcement areas; therefore, making better use of resources.

Redflex has also proposed a change in payment plan for the contract, consisting of \$4,500 per current approach and \$6,200 for new approaches per month, currently the City pays \$89 per citation. This contract issue is currently under court scrutiny, and, pending the outcome, has the potential to invalidate citations previously issued. The system appears to have little influence on the number of red light related collisions at monitored intersections. At times rear end collisions have actually increased.

### **FISCAL IMPACTS**

The system's monthly revenue since November 2003 has not covered the officer's salary and benefits currently billed to the system. If the current credit from Redflex is eliminated the revenue in relation would be reduced \$8900 a month, again not covering the officer's salary and benefits. The salary also does not include weekly overtime from court appearances generated by the citations. Redflex has recently proposed a change in the contract to pay per approach, which would likely place the City in a position from which it would never attain a positive revenue flow.

### **ALTERNATIVES**

1. Provide alternative direction to Staff.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

None