



Potential impacts from loss of Red Light Camera Civil Penalties

In reviewing the petitioner's request to eliminate the seventy- five dollar (\$75) civil penalty associated with the red light camera program, this document will provide documentation, which outlines the right to impose fines, and further breakdown the cost of the program. These costs outline the actual expense to operate the program, which in the absence of imposed fines, would reflect the cost to the police department to operate such a program in an education-only capacity

I. Authority To Impose Civil Penalty

The governing body of a local authority by ordinance may implement a photographic traffic signal enforcement system and provide that the owner of a motor vehicle is liable to the local authority for a civil penalty if, while facing only a steady red signal displayed by an electrically operated traffic-control signal located in the local authority, the vehicle is operated in violation of the instructions of that traffic-control signal, as specified by Section [544.007](#)(d).

II. Financial Obligations

Redflex Camera Contract

In 2007 City of Corpus Christi entered into a 5-year contract with Redflex to provide thirteen (13) red light camera systems at a lease cost of \$ 4870.00 a camera per month. In 2012, the city renewed the contract, which runs through **April 27, 2017**, and the contract can be cancelled with thirty (30) days' notice.

III. Operation Cost

The chart below represents what the cost to the City of Corpus Christi would be should they elect not to collect the civil penalty and still continue to operate the Red Light Camera Program:

Red Light Program Expenditures	
Full time Police officer	\$ 94,226.57
Management Assistant	\$ 47,249.68
Management Assistant	\$ 40,744.43
Clothing	\$ 3,441.00
Minor tools & equip	\$ 5,000.00
Office Supplies	\$ 800.00
Postage charges	\$ 250.00
Rentals/Building rent	\$ 8,000.00

Non Capital Lease	\$ 3,889.00
Police Vision ins	\$ 182.00
Sworn Employee Dental	\$ 780.00
Rental of 13 cameras for 1 year	\$ 759,720.00
Municipal Information Systems	\$ 32,184.00
Total:	\$996,466.68

IV. What the Revenue From the Program Funds

Penalties collected in excess of the expenses needed to operate the program are used to fund the below listed Traffic Safety Programs:

- 27 School Crossing Guards
- School Zone updates (Flashing Lights)
- Technology to improve traffic enforcement and safety
- Traffic Officer training (Drug Recognition Experts)
- Laser Mapping equipment for crash investigations
- Electronic ticket writers
- Vehicle detection systems for intersections