



# City of Columbus

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## Legislation Text

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**BACKGROUND:** This legislation authorizes the Director of Public Safety to modify and extend the existing contract with Redflex Traffic Systems for automated red light enforcement system. The City entered into a contract with Redflex Traffic Systems Inc. via ordinance 1015-2005 passed on 10/20/2005 for services and related equipment for a three year period which expired March 7, 2009. The original contract was extended and amended in 2009 and again in 2010. This legislation authorizes the Safety Director first to modify the terms of the original agreement and to extend the agreement from June 4, 2013 to June 3rd, 2017. The agreement is being modified to increase the current base of the City's compensation by approximately seventeen percent. The City of Columbus will pay to Redflex the least amount of money per paid citation of any jurisdiction in Ohio.

The City of Columbus contracted with Redflex Traffic Systems Inc in 2005 to help resolve the ongoing problem of motorists disobeying traffic control signals that have contributed to significant number of motor vehicle crashes. This attached agreement has assisted the city in increasing compliance with traffic control devices and has significantly reduced right angle crashes at photo equipped intersections which are selected based on years of crash data. Moreover, a significant decrease in citation also occurs over time.

**Contract Compliance Number:** 943292233.

**Emergency Designation:** Extended negotiations have resulted in an agreement over compensation that needs immediate implementation and extend a contract that expired on June 3rd 2013.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** This ordinance does not authorize an expenditure of funds. The contractor's compensation consists of a percentage per citation paid which was previously based on a variable fee model. This model has been modified to a fixed compensation rate and increases the city's share by approximately seventeen percent. There is no direct fiscal impact on General Fund expenditures.

To authorize the Director of Public Safety to waive the competitive bid provisions of the Columbus City code and modify and extend the current contract with Redflex Traffic Systems Inc., for an automated red light enforcement system for the Division of Police, Department of Public Safety; and to declare an emergency: (\$0.00)

**WHEREAS,** the City contracts for automated red light enforcement with Redflex Traffic Systems Inc., via ordinance 1015-2005 passed on October 20, 2005; and

**WHEREAS,** both parties agree that certain modifications to the original contract are required in order to extend this contract and to modify the compensation; and

**WHEREAS,** the term of this modification and extension shall commence on the 4th day of June, 2013 and expire on 3rd day of June 2017; and

**WHEREAS,** it is necessary to waive the competitive bid provisions of the Columbus City Code, 1959 so that continuity of these specialized services are maintained; and

**WHEREAS,** an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Division of Police, Department of Public Safety, in that it is immediately necessary to modify and extend the current contract with Redflex Traffic Systems Inc. so that

automated red light enforcement can continue without interruption, thereby preserving the public health, peace, property, safety and welfare; Now, therefore

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:**

**SECTION 1.** That the Director of Public Safety is hereby authorized to modify and extend the existing contract between the City and Redflex Traffic Systems Inc. for the Division of Police's automated red light enforcement.

**SECTION 2.** That the term of this modification and extension shall commence on the 4th day of June, 2013 and shall expire on the 3rd day of June 2017.

**SECTION 3.** That this modification and extension agreement supplants the original agreement between the City and Redflex. All other terms and conditions of the original agreement between the City of Columbus and Redflex will remain in full force and effect. If the terms and conditions are inconsistent between this modification and the original agreement documents, this modification will control.

**SECTION 4.** That the Council of the City of Columbus finds it is in the best interest of the City to waive the competitive bid provisions of the Columbus City Codes, 1959, 329.06.

**SECTION 5.** That the City Auditor is hereby directed to continue use of the special revenue fund for the deposit of revenue generated by automated red light enforcement for the use for public safety expenses.

**SECTION 6.** That for the reasons stated in the preamble hereto, which is hereby made a part hereof, this ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval by the Mayor, or ten days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.