

PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

Sponsored by:

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BE IT ORDAINED, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners, that Chapter 82, Traffic and Vehicles, Article IV, Automated Red Light Traffic Safety System, Sec. 82-101 of the Cook County Code is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 82-101. Purpose; establishment of automated red light traffic safety system.

- (a) The purpose of this article is to establish an automated red light violation traffic safety system as provided in Section 11-208.6 of the Vehicle Code, 625 ILCS 5/11-208.6, which shall be administered by the Cook County Highway Department, in consultation with the Sheriff of Cook County.
- (b) The system shall utilize a traffic control signal monitoring device which records, through photographic means, the vehicle and the vehicle registration plate of a vehicle operated in violation of Sections 11-305 and 11-306 of the Vehicle Code, 625 ILCS 5/11-305 and 11-306. The photographic record shall also display the time, date and location of the violation.
- (c) A program shall be established which utilizes an automated red light safety system at various vehicle traffic intersections identified by the Highway Department, with the advice of the Sheriff. The intersections chosen for the program shall be located throughout the County, upon highways in the County's maintenance jurisdiction. Signs shall be posted at all intersections equipped with traffic control signal monitoring devices indicating that the intersection is being monitored by an automated red light traffic safety system. Upon application by a local municipality, the County may permit, through intergovernmental agreement, the local municipality to install and maintain such a system and issue citations, with all cost paid by and all fines paid to the local municipality, at intersections which are under maintenance and operation jurisdiction of the County, but within the police jurisdiction of such municipality. Upon passage by Resolution, a municipality may opt-out of participation in the County's automated red light traffic safety system for any vehicle traffic intersection within its incorporated boundaries.
- (d) Recorded images made by an automated red light traffic safety system are confidential and shall be made available only to the alleged violator and governmental and law enforcement agencies for the purpose of adjudicating a violation of Section 11-208.6 of the Vehicle Code, for statistical purposes, or for other governmental purposes, but shall be admissible in any court proceeding concerning the violation.

(e) The Highway Department and the Sheriff shall adopt rules and regulations as may be necessary for the proper enforcement and administration of this article.

Effective date: This Ordinance shall be in effect upon adoption.