

RESOLUTION NO. 1952-06

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WINTER PARK, FLORIDA SUPPORTING THE USE OF RED LIGHT CAMERAS AT SELECTED SIGNALIZED INTERSECTIONS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, entering an intersection after the light has turned red, or "red light running", is generally recognized as one of the major causes of crashes, deaths, and injuries at signalized intersections; and

WHEREAS, the monetary impact of crashes to our society is approximately \$14 billion annually; and

WHEREAS, numerous studies illustrate that the use of red light cameras as the evidentiary basis for traffic citations reduces crashes in signalized intersections; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Highway Administration promotes red light cameras as a viable strategy to reduce red light running and the resulting loss of life or injury; and

WHEREAS, local governments are responsible for citizen safety generally, and traffic safety and enforcement specifically; and

WHEREAS, local governments should be able to protect their citizens using technology and their home rule authority, and use red light cameras at signalized intersections to issue traffic citations; and

WHEREAS, local government efforts to install red light cameras at intersections have been stymied by legal determinations that such cameras cannot be used as the basis for traffic citations; and


WHEREAS, despite strong local government support, bills introduced in the legislature to authorize the use of red light cameras for traffic safety by local governments have not been enacted; and

WHEREAS, as loss of life, property damage, and injury are occurring each day as a result of red light running, local governments can and should communicate about the urgency and importance of this issue to the State Legislature.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WINTER PARK, FLORIDA, that the City of Winter Park supports the use of red light cameras at selected signalized intersections to reduce crashes that result in the loss of life and injury.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Winter Park urges the State Legislature to enact a law allowing local governments to protect their citizens by specifically authorizing the use of red light cameras, and the use of red light cameras evidence to support the issuance of traffic citations, thereby encouraging driving safely.

ADOPTED after reading by title at a regular meeting of the City Commission of the City of Winter Park, Florida, held in City Hall, Winter Park, Florida, on this 10th day of July, 2006.



David Strong, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: 

Cynthia S. Bonham, City Clerk