

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRESNO, CALIFORNIA, REQUESTING THE CITY MANAGER TO TAKE CERTAIN ACTIONS NECESSARY FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A 36-MONTH AUTOMATED RED-LIGHT CAMERA PILOT PROGRAM PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA VEHICLE CODE SECTION 21455.9

WHEREAS, on October 13, 2025, the Governor signed California Senate Bill 720 (SB 720) into law; and

WHEREAS, SB 720 authorizes cities to establish an automated traffic enforcement system program to enforce red light violations, if the system and program meet the requirements specified in Vehicle Code section 21455.9; and


WHEREAS, SB 720 also establishes that red light violations shall be subject to only a civil penalty and shall not result in a violator's privilege to drive being suspended or revoked, and mandates that revenues in excess of the system operating costs be used, within three years of the end of the fiscal year in which the excess revenue was received, for traffic calming measures; and

WHEREAS, to implement an automated traffic enforcement system program as authorized by SB 720, the City of Fresno must satisfy the requirements set forth in California Vehicle Code section 21455.9; and

WHEREAS, Council wishes to pursue authorization of an automated red-light camera pilot program which complies with California Vehicle Code section 21455.9 and all other applicable legal requirements, to improve safety at signalized intersections within the City.

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Date Adopted:
Date Approved:
Effective Date:

City Attorney Approval: 

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Fresno as follows:

1. It is the Council's intent to implement a 36-month automated red-light camera pilot program in compliance with California Vehicle Code section 21455.9 and any other applicable legal requirements. If an automated red-light camera pilot program is implemented, the pilot program will commence on the date all systems installed are deemed operational.

2. The City Manager is requested to develop:

- a. Guidelines, consistent with California Vehicle Code section 21455.9, for the selection of locations for the placement of automated red-light cameras. Among other things, the guidelines must ensure that locations are selected for reasons related to safety, that cameras are placed in locations that are geographically and socioeconomically diverse, and that traffic data or other evidence supporting the installation and operation of each camera shall be considered and that intersections where cameras are to be placed or installed constitute a heightened safety risk that warrants additional enforcement measures.
- b. A list of proposed locations for the placement of automated red-light cameras, selected in accordance with the developed guidelines.
- c. A cost estimate for implementation and administration of a 36-month pilot program to be authorized pursuant to Vehicle Code section 21455.9. Any estimate must include the full cost of implementing and administering the pilot program, including costs associated with

reviewing challenges to citations and conducting any administrative hearings required by the Vehicle Code.

- d. A draft Automated Traffic Enforcement System Impact Report containing all information required by Vehicle Code section 21455.9(c). The City Manager shall consult with and circulate the draft to local stakeholder organizations, including racial equity, privacy protection, and economic justice groups prior to presenting a draft report to Council.
- e. Drafts of any other documents, including ordinances and/or resolutions, necessary to satisfy the requirements of Vehicle Code section 21455.9.

3. The City Manager is further requested to return to Council within 90 days of final approval of this Resolution to present the above identified items. In developing guidelines and selecting locations, the City Manager is requested to consult with the Council offices to receive input on safety concerns in their districts.

4. The City Manager is further requested to prepare and advertise a Request for Proposals for the installation of automated red-light cameras no later than September 1, 2026. Prior to award of any contract related to the establishment of a red-light camera pilot program, the City shall comply with all requirements set forth in Vehicle Code section 21455.9 for the establishment of a red-light camera program.

5. This resolution shall be effective upon final approval.

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF FRESNO) ss.
CITY OF FRESNO)

I, AMY K. ALLER, City Clerk of the City of Fresno, certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Council of the City of Fresno, at a regular meeting held on the _____ day of _____ 2026.

AYES :
NOES :
ABSENT :
ABSTAIN :

Mayor Approval: _____, 2026
Mayor Approval/No Return: _____, 2026
Mayor Veto: _____, 2026
Council Override Vote: _____, 2026

AMY K. ALLER
City Clerk

By: _____
Date

Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
ANDREW JANZ
City Attorney

By: _____
Jennifer M. Quintanilla Date
Senior Deputy City Attorney