

RESOLUTION NO.

CITY OF PEORIA

Peoria, Illinois _____, 2022

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING STATE LEGISLATORS SPONSOR AN AMENDMENT TO THE AUTOMATED TRAFFIC LAW ENFORCEMENT SYSTEM

WHEREAS, the City of Peoria (“City”) is a home-rule unit of government as is provided by Article VII, Section 6 of the Illinois Constitution of 1970 and, as such, may exercise various powers and perform numbers functions pertaining to its government and affairs in any manner not otherwise prohibited by law; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the City’s power as a home-rule authority, various provisions of the Illinois Vehicle Code, including 625 ILCS 5/11-208.3 and Chapter 28 of the City of Peoria Municipal Code grant it authority to regulate traffic on roadways; and

WHEREAS, the City is preempted from exercising authority to use automatic traffic law enforcement systems for the regulation of red light cameras as defined in 625 ILCS 5/11-208.6; and

WHEREAS, only Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, Madison, McHenry, St. Charles and Will counties and the municipalities located within those counties are currently allowed to use an automatic traffic law enforcement system including red light cameras (625 ILCS 5/11-208.6(m)); and

WHEREAS, the legislative history of this section indicates that the counties given the permissive ability to use red light cameras in the statute were those who wanted the ability to do so (94th General Assembly, House of Representatives, March 3, 2006, Transcript page 36-37); and

WHEREAS, the City wants the permissive ability to utilize red light cameras; and

WHEREAS, communities that have adopted red light cameras state that they have reduced accidents, improved traffic flow and allowed police to focus on other safety issues; and’

WHEREAS, the City Council believes the citizens of Peoria deserve roadways with reduced accidents, improved traffic flows and a police force that can focus on critical safety issues rather than minor traffic violations; and

WHEREAS, a change in the statute would be necessary to grant Peoria County and the City as a municipality within said County the authority to use an automatic traffic law enforcement system including red light cameras; and

WHEREAS, a bill could be introduced in either the Illinois House or Illinois Senate proposing said change; and

WHEREAS, the City respectfully urges our state legislators to sponsor an amendment to 625 ILCS 5/11-206.6(m) to include Peoria County among the counties allowed to use automatic traffic law enforcement systems.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PEORIA, ILLINOIS, THAT:

1. The City of Peoria respectfully requests that our state legislators sponsor an amendment to 625 ILCS 5/11-208.6(m) to include Peoria County.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PEORIA, ILLINOIS THIS _____ DAY OF _____ 2022.

APPROVED:

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

EXAMINED AND APPROVED

Corporation Counsel