

RESOLUTION NO. 43-2002

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, SUPPORTING THE PASSAGE OF ENABLING LEGISLATION FOR PHOTOGRAPHIC TRAFFIC SIGNAL ENFORCEMENT BY THE 78TH TEXAS LEGISLATURE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, according to statistics provided by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the disregard of traffic signals causes over 100,000 accidents resulting in 89,000 injuries and 1,000 deaths annually; and

WHEREAS, according to statistics provided by the FHWA, 55.8 percent of Americans admit to running red lights; and

WHEREAS, there were 89 vehicle accidents in 2001 in the City of Mesquite (City) caused by one of the drivers involved in the accident disregarding the traffic signal; and

WHEREAS, the City has limited police manpower available to enforce compliance with traffic signals; and

WHEREAS, photographic traffic signal enforcement has been used worldwide and proven effective for over 40 years; and

WHEREAS, according to statistics provided by the FHWA, cities using photographic enforcement at traffic signals have realized a reduction in violations averaging 40 percent; and

WHEREAS, 12 states have already enacted legislation permitting cities to use photographic enforcement at traffic signals.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. That the City Council recognizes that traffic signal violations significantly contribute to personal injury and death as well as property damage in the City of Mesquite and recognizes that photographic traffic signal enforcement is a proven and effective method to address this problem.

SECTION 2. That the City Council hereby supports the passage of enabling legislation that will permit photographic traffic signal enforcement as a civil penalty by the 78th Texas Legislature.

SECTION 3. That this resolution shall take effect immediately from and after its passage.

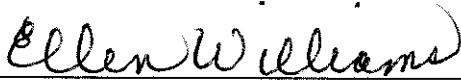
DULY RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Mesquite, Texas, on the 19th day of August, 2002.



Mike Anderson
Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED:



Ellen Williams
City Secretary



B. J. Smith
City Attorney