



# Council Communication

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Submitted by: **Judy A. Bradshaw, Chief of Police**

## AGENDA HEADING:

Recommending a City ordinance to authorize the use of electronic equipment to monitor traffic violations pertaining to traffic control devices and speeding vehicles.

## SYNOPSIS:

The Police Department is recommending that a City ordinance be approved to allow the use of electronic equipment to identify vehicles that disobey traffic laws and issue civil citations to the registered owners of the vehicles.

## FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: Revenues will be based on the number of locations and actual experiences.

Funding Source: Revenue to be credited to POL100150 – General Fund – Police Traffic Section, FY2009-10 Operating Budget page 239.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The Police Department continues to identify methods to improve the safety of our City. As presented at the July 27<sup>th</sup> Council Workshop, the Police Department is recommending the use of electronic equipment to monitor high risk intersections for vehicles that are being driven in a manner that violates existing City ordinances pertaining to traffic control devices. The electronic equipment will also be utilized to identify vehicles that are being driven in excess of the posted speed limit. The ordinance allows for a civil citation to be issued to the vehicle's owner, not necessarily the driver of the vehicle. Violations captured by electronic devices are not reported to Iowa Department of Transportation. Therefore, the citation will not appear on an individual's driving record.

The Police Department will use the Request for Proposal process to identify a vendor to install, monitor and maintain the equipment. It is anticipated that the City will not have a financial cost as the vendor is responsible for the costs associated with the equipment. Any revenues to the City will be net of the vendor's fee which will include costs to provide and maintain the equipment. We expect the vendor's fee will be in the range of 15% to 20% based on a negotiated rate of collections depending on the number of citations paid per month.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE**

**BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE**

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE**

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