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LETTER TO COMMISSION

TO: Mayor Matti Herrera Bower and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Jorge M. Gonzalez, City Manager

DATE: September 22, 2009

SUBJECT: Cost of Red Light Infractions

At the September 10, 2009 City Commission meeting, an Ordinance was proposed for First Reading which would have increased the civil penalty for a red light infraction in the City's enforcement program from \$125 for the first violation to \$150 for the first violation. The Ordinance was not passed by the City Commission on First Reading; however, the members of the City Commission did inquire as to the amount of fine associated with the traditional uniform traffic code moving violation, failure to stop at a traffic signal.

The fine for a violation of the State Uniform Traffic Code provision requiring a stop at a traffic signal is \$229 within the first thirty (30) days. After the thirty (30) days the fine increases to \$245. This is considered a moving violation and points are assessed to the driver's license as a result of the infraction. Of the \$229 or \$245, the City receives approximately 60% with the balance being retained by the County for various statutorily defined uses and court costs.

For Commission information, other common traffic violations and the resultant fines are as follows:

- Speeding Violations

	<u>30 Days</u>	<u>After 30 Days</u>
Speeding 6 to 9 miles over the speed limit	\$129	\$145
Speeding 10 to 14 miles over speed limit	\$204	\$220
Speeding 30 miles and over speed limit	\$354	\$370
- General Moving Violations with the exceptions of speeding and failure to stop at a traffic signal – first thirty (30) days \$164, after thirty (30) days \$180.

If you have questions or require additional information on this subject, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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