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OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

NO. LTC # *412-2013*

LETTER TO COMMISSION

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

FROM: Jimmy L. Morales, City Manager

DATE: November 20, 2013

SUBJECT: **CITY OF SWEETWATER RESOLUTION**

Attached for your information is Resolution No. 3815, which was passed by the City of Sweetwater on November 4, 2013.

A Resolution Urging Insurance Companies To Provide Lower Premiums To Residents Of Jurisdictions Providing For Automated Red Light Safety Technology; Providing For Distribution; And Providing For An Effective Date.

If you have any questions, please contact the City Clerk's Office at 305.673.7411.

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A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SWEETWATER URGING INSURANCE COMPANIES TO PROVIDE LOWER PREMIUMS TO RESIDENTS OF JURISDICTIONS PROVIDING FOR AUTOMATED RED LIGHT SAFETY TECHNOLOGY; PROVIDING FOR DISTRIBUTION; AND PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, like many other municipalities and counties throughout the State of Florida, the city of Sweetwater believes automated red light safety technology is an effective tool for creating safer roads and reducing the number of vehicular collisions, fatalities and injuries, thereby lowering the number of insurance claims; and

WHEREAS, a 2009 study conducted by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety ("2009 Study") determined that 676 people were killed and 113,000 people were injured in crashes related to red light running; and

WHEREAS, intersection crashes account for more than 45% of all reported crashes and 21% of fatalities; and

WHEREAS, the 2009 Study concluded that 62 Floridians lost their lives in crashes related to red light running, making Florida the third most deadly state in the nation; and

WHEREAS, Florida is the deadliest state in the nation for pedestrians and bicyclists; and

WHEREAS, a 2011 study conducted by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety ("2011 Study") concluded that automated red light safety technology saved 159 lives from 2004 to 2008 in 14 of the largest metropolitan areas in the nation; and

WHEREAS, the number of jurisdictions embracing automated red light safety technology has ballooned from just 25 in 2000 to approximately 500 today; and

WHEREAS, according to the Federal Highway Administration, the financial cost of red light running to the public has been estimated to be in excess of 14 billion dollars; and

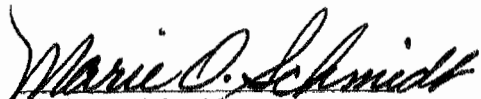
WHEREAS, as expressly authorized by the Florida Legislature's enactment of the Mark Wandall Traffic Safety Act in 2010, numerous jurisdictions throughout the State of Florida have implemented automated red light safety technology programs.

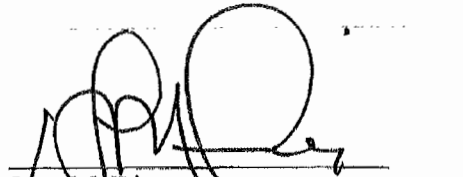
NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Mayor and the City Commission of the City of Sweetwater:

1. Based on the studies conducted by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety and other statistical data, the City of Sweetwater urges insurance providers within the State of Florida to offer a reduced rate to consumers residing in jurisdictions that utilize automated red light safety technology. These jurisdictions should be rewarded for their efforts to make their streets safer, to save lives, and to reduce the costs, damages and injuries attributed to red light running.
2. The City authorizes and directs the distribution of this Resolution to the Governor, the Florida Office of Insurance Regulation, the Florida League of Cities, the Miami-Dade County League of Cities, insurance providers throughout the State of Florida, and municipalities and counties implementing or contemplating the implementation of automated red light safety technology.
3. This resolution shall become effective upon its adoption by the City Commission and approval by the Mayor or if vetoed, upon its reenactment by the City Commission as provided by the Charter of the City of Sweetwater.

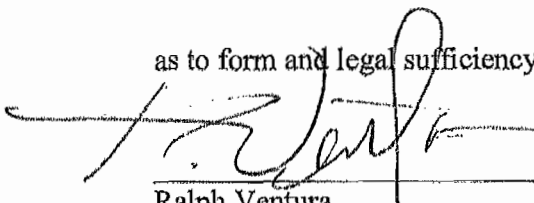
Passed and adopted on November 4th, 2013

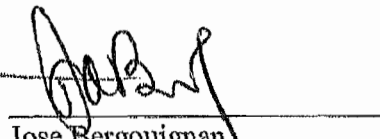
Attest:


 Marie O. Schmidt,
 City Clerk


 Jose M. Diaz,
 Mayor

as to form and legal sufficiency


 Ralph Ventura
 City Attorney


 Jose Bergouignan,
 Commission President

Jose Bergouignan, President of the City Commission	yes
Orlando Lopez, Vice President of the City Commission	yes
Prisca Barreto, Commissioner	yes
Manuel Duasso, Commissioner	yes
Jose M. Guerra, Commissioner	yes

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Isolina Maroño, Commissioner	YES
Catalino Rodriguez, Commissioner	YES

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