ORDINANCE

CITY OF NEW ORLEANS

NO. _____ MAYOR COUNCIL SERIES

CITY HALL: October 15, 2010

CALENDAR NO. 28,198

	BY: COUNCILMEMBER OLARKSON (BY REQUEST)
	AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Chapter 154 of the Code of the City of New
	Orleans by amending Article I and Article XVII to amend the definitions and procedures for
	Automated Traffic Enforcement Systems; to designate enforcement of the Automated Traffic
	Enforcement Systems to the New Orleans Police Department; and to provide otherwise with
	respect thereto.
1	SECTION 1. THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS HEREBY
2	ORDAINS that Section 154-2 of Article I of Chapter 154 of the Code of the City of New
3	Orleans be amended and reordained to read as follows:
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5	Sec. 154-2. Definitions.
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7	Department shall mean the Department of Public Works, its successor, or an authorized
8	representative as determined by the director of the Department. As used in Article XVII of this
9	Chapter, department shall mean the New Orleans Police Department.
10	Director shall mean the Director of the Department of Public Works for the City of New
11	Orleans, except in Article XVII of this Chapter, director shall mean the Superintendent of Police
12	of the New Orleans Police Department or his designee.

SECTION 2. THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS HEREBY

14 ORDAINS that Section 154-1701 of Article XVII of Chapter 154 of the Code of the City of

New Orleans shall be amended and reordained to read as follows:

Sec. 154-1701. Enforcement procedures.

The New Orleans Police Department is responsible for the enforcement and administration of Sections 154-1701 through 154-1704. The City of New Orleans may enforce and administer Sections 154-1701 through 154-1704, or any parts thereof, through one or more contractors selected in accordance with applicable law, with exception made for subsection 154-1703(c) regarding the penalty for a school bus stop sign violation. Subsection 154-1703(c) will be administered with the explicit consent, oversight, and discretion of the Recovery School District (RSD) and/or Orleans Parish School Board (OPSB). RSD and/or OPSB will retain the right to use school buses under their control to administer subsection [154-1703] (c) through cooperative endeavor agreement with the city.

Upon the Department's receipt of photographic evidence that a vehicle has violated applicable traffic ordinances, the Department shall forward all necessary information to the Parking Adjudication Bureau of the City of New Orleans for administrative and enforcement actions. The Department is responsible for the administration of notification and collection of the fines paid by the vehicle owner.

In order to impose a civil penalty under this ordinance, the Department shall mail a notice of the violation to the owner of the motor vehicle no later than the 30th day after the date the violation is alleged to have occurred or identification by the Department of the registered owner, whichever is later, but in no event more than 60 days after the date the violation is alleged to have occurred.

36	1.	Notice	of viol	ation.	A notice of violation issued under this article shall contain at least
37	the foll	lowing:			
38		(a)	a descr	iption o	of the violation;
39		(b)	the date	e, time,	, and location of the violation;
40		(c)	the nan	ne and	address of the registered owner of the vehicle that was involved in
41			the vio	lation;	
42		(d)	the lice	ense pl	ate number displayed on the license plate attached to the vehicle
43			involve	d in the	e violation;
44		(e)	а сору	of reco	orded images of the vehicle involved in the violation;
45		(f)	the amo	ount of	the civil penalty to be imposed for the violation;
46		(g)	the date	e by wi	hich the civil penalty must be paid or the date by which a challenge
47			to the v	iolatio	n must be submitted.
48		(h)	a stater	nent th	nat the recorded image is evidence for use in a proceeding for the
49			imposit	ion of	a civil penalty;
50		(i)	informa	ation th	at informs the person or entity named in the notice of violation;
51			(1)	of the	right to contest the imposition of a civil penalty in an administrative
52				hearing	g;
53			(2)	of the	manner and time in which to challenge the imposition of the civil
54				penalty	y; and
55			(3)	that fai	ilure to timely pay the civil penalty or to challenge liability is an
56				admiss	ion of liability and failure to appear on or before the scheduled
57				hearing	g date is an admission of liability and a waiver of the right to appeal.

A notice of violation under this article is presumed to have been received on the 5th business day after the date the notice of violation is mailed. The Department is further responsible for sending the second notice to vehicle owners who fail to respond to the first notice of violation.

This ordinance does not infringe upon the police powers of the state in accordance with Article VI, Section 9(B) of the Louisiana Constitution.

2. Responsibility of vehicle owner and operator.

- (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, the owner and operator, when not the same, shall be solidarily liable to the city for violations of Sections 154-1701 through 154-1704, unless the owner can prove that the vehicle was operated without his consent, express or implied. An owner who pays any fine, costs, or administrative fees pursuant to this Article shall have the right to recover the same from the operator.
- (b) An owner of a vehicle who is engaged in the business of renting or leasing vehicles under written rental or leasing agreements ("lessor") shall not be liable for fines and penalties imposed by a local authority of the lessor of such rented or leased vehicles, if within 30 days after receiving written notice of the violation, the lessor provides, in affidavit form, the true name, address and driver's license number and state of issuance of the person in possession of the vehicle ("lessee") at the time of the issuance of the citation, or provides a true copy of the lease or rental agreement.
- 77 (c) A lessor who fails to comply with the foregoing provisions shall be treated as any 78 other owner and shall be solidarily liable with the operator.

79	(d) If any owner of a motor vehicle receives a notice of violation for a period during
80	which the vehicle was reported to any police department as having been stolen prior to the time
81	the violation occurred and had not been recovered by such time said owner shall not be liable.
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