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Council Votes to Request Rehearing on Cameras

In closed session on March 4, 2010, the Springfield City Council voted to authorize a request for rehearing or modification of the red light camera decision handed down by the Missouri Supreme Court this week.

A request for rehearing is not an appeal. Instead, the request will ask the court to reconsider specific portions of the decision. The Council authorized hiring outside legal counsel to handle the filing of the rehearing, as well as the related class action lawsuit filed this week.

In addition, Council members requested that a fact sheet prepared by City staff be forwarded to the media, and that information is attached in the electronic version of this release. If any members of the media need the fact sheet faxed to them, they can contact the Public Information Department at the number below.

Additional Resources:

- Bullet point fact sheet on the red light camera program
- Chart showing the general downward trend of red light running citations at intersections where red light cameras are installed
- Monthly breakdown of payments made by the City to Lasercraft, the camera system vendor. It is important to note that the payments are a flat monthly fee paid on a per-approach basis. The amount of the payments has increased along with the number of cameras installed at intersection approaches.
- City’s contract with Lasercraft

For more information, contact: Mike Brothers, Public Information, (417) 864-1119.