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Committee(s) Assignment: Committee on Transportation and Public Way

Transportation

ORDINANCE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO:

SECTION 1. Chapter 9-8 of the Municipal Code of Chicago is hereby amended by adding a new section 9-8-060, as follows:

9-8-060 Minimum yellow light change intervals.

The minimum yellow light change interval shall be established in accordance with nationally recognized engineering standards using the 85th percentile approach traffic speed, derived from engineering speed studies conducted under good conditions and any established time may not be less than 3.2 seconds or the recognized national standard plus one additional second, whichever is greater.

SECTION 2. Section 9-102-040 of the Municipal Code of Chicago is hereby amended by adding the language underscored, as follows:

9-102-040 Standards of operation – Compliance with statute.

(Omitted text is unaffected by this ordinance)

(d) After the effective date of this subsection (d), no automated traffic enforcement system shall be installed, except under the following conditions:

(1) a traffic study is first conducted to assess the safety impact of the installation of an automated traffic law enforcement system at that location, and the conclusion of the study recommends the installation of the system for the improvement of traffic safety. The study shall be based upon the best available crash, traffic and other data, and shall cover a period of time before the proposed installation of the automatic traffic enforcement system sufficient to provide a valid conclusion;

(2) a public hearing is held in the community in which the proposed automated traffic enforcement system will be located, no less than 3 months prior to the installation;

(3) the city council passes an ordinance authorizing the installation of the automated traffic enforcement system at the location; and

(4) the intersection is equipped with a pedestrian-control signal that includes a pedestrian interval countdown display indicating the number of seconds remaining until the end of the pedestrian change interval.

(e) Within six months after the effective date of this subsection (e), all intersections where an existing automated traffic enforcement system is operating shall be equipped with a pedestrian-control signal that includes a pedestrian interval countdown display indicating the number of seconds remaining until the end of the pedestrian change interval.

SECTION 3. Section 1 of this ordinance shall take effect one year after its passage and approval, the remainder of this ordinance shall take effect upon passage and approval.

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