

ORDINANCE 25-__

ORDINANCE 25-__, PUBLIC HEARING, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PORT ST. LUCIE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE USE OF TRAFFIC INFRACTION DETECTORS TO PROMOTE COMPLIANCE WITH RED LIGHT SIGNAL DIRECTIVES, AMENDING TITLE VII - TRAFFIC CODE OF THE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES, BY CREATING CHAPTER 74, AND AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF OF POLICE TO TAKE ANY AND ALL APPROPRIATE ACTIONS TO FACILITATE ENFORCEMENT; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the running of red lights causes a safety hazard affecting every citizen and traveler in the City of Port St. Lucie; and

WHEREAS, the violation of red-light traffic signals is recognized as one of the major causes of urban motor collisions; and

WHEREAS, the apprehension of violators of red-light traffic signals through means of law enforcement observance, chase, and citation is difficult, dangerous, and expensive; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Legislature passed legislation known as the “Mark Wandall Traffic Safety Act” authorizing the use of traffic infraction detectors to enforce red light traffic signal infractions pursuant to Chapter 316, Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the City of Port St. Lucie desires to reduce the number of occurrences of red-light traffic control signals violations by amending its Code of Ordinances to implement the provisions Chapter 316, Florida Statutes, the Mark Wandall Traffic Safety Act as amended; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has considered traffic data supporting the installation and operation of the traffic infraction detectors and finds that the proposed intersections constitute a heightened safety risk that warrants additional enforcement measures; and

WHEREAS, the City Council further finds that said ordinance will provide an equitable, expeditious, and effective method of enforcement of red-light violations, which will further promote, protect, and improve the public health, welfare, and safety of the citizens of the City of Port. St. Lucie.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF PORT ST. LUCIE HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. Ratification of Recitals. The foregoing recitals are hereby ratified and confirmed as true and correct and are hereby made a part of this Ordinance.

Section 2. The listed Sections of Title VII, Chapter 74, Red Light Camera Enforcement Program, of the Code are added as follows. All other portions of Title VII are to remain unchanged:

TITLE VII - TRAFFIC CODE

Chapter 74 – Red Light Camera Enforcement Program

Sec. 74.01. - Purpose and Intent.

The purpose of this chapter is to specifically authorize the use of traffic infraction detectors, as permitted by general law, within the jurisdictional limits of the City of Port St. Lucie.

Sec. 74.02. – Implementation of General Law.

The City exercises its option to use traffic infraction detectors within its jurisdiction in accordance with § 316.0083, Florida Statutes, to enforce §§ 316.074(1) or 316.075(1)(c)1., Florida Statutes. The City may utilize traffic infraction detectors as a supplemental means of monitoring and enforcing laws related to traffic control signals as permitted and provided for by state law. This chapter shall not supersede, infringe, curtail, or impinge upon state laws related to red light signal violations or conflict with such laws.

Sec. 74.03. – Rules and Regulations.

The City Manager, or his or her designee, is authorized to adopt rules and procedures that will govern the implementation of § 316.0083, Florida Statutes.

Section 3. The City Manager, or his designees, are hereby authorized and directed to take any and all appropriate actions required to implement the provisions and requirements of the Mark Wandall Traffic Safety Act as amended.

Section 4. Conflict. If any ordinances, or parts of ordinances, are in conflict herewith this Ordinance shall control to the extent of the conflicting provisions.

Section 5. Severability. The provisions of this Ordinance are intended to be severable. If any provision of this Ordinance is determined to be void or is declared illegal, invalid, or unconstitutional by a Court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 6. Codification. The provisions of this Ordinance shall be made a part of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Port St. Lucie, Florida. The sections of this Ordinance may be renumbered, re-lettered or re-formatted to accomplish such intentions; the word “ordinance” may be changed to “section” or other appropriate word as may be necessary.

Section 7. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption on second reading.

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PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Port St. Lucie, Florida, this
____ day of _____, 2025.

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF PORT ST. LUCIE

By: _____
Shannon M. Martin, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sally Walsh, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Richard Berrios, City Attorney