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CITY ADDS THREE RED-LIGHT SAFETY CAMERA LOCATIONS

(TEMPLE TERRACE, FL – 8/26/11) – Temple Terrace has added red-light safety cameras at three new locations, for a total of five monitored approaches citywide, officials announced Friday.

The cameras will begin operation on Thursday, Sept. 1, 2011. The new cameras are located at the following locations:

- * Northbound on 56th Street at Riverhills Drive
- * Northbound on 56th Street at Bullard Parkway
- * Northbound on 56th Street at Fowler Avenue

The cameras will operate 24 hours a day, taking photographs and videos of red-light runners. Warning signs will be placed at those locations to alert motorists to the cameras.

The City will conduct a **warning period** at the new camera locations from Sept. 1 through Sept. 30. During that time, violators will be mailed a courtesy warning notice in lieu of a citation. The warning notice will be issued to the vehicle's registered owner. At the conclusion of the warning period, citations will be issued.

The City's traffic-safety camera program has been in effect since October 2008 and has recorded more than 26,000 violations, said Deputy Chief Bernie Seeley of the Temple Terrace Police Department. The program is intended to protect motorists, passengers, cyclists and pedestrians from crashes caused by red-light runners, he said.

According to the Insurance Institute of Highway Safety, 113,000 people were injured and 676 people were killed in 2009 in red-light running crashes. That year, 62 Floridians lost their lives, making Florida the third most deadly state for red-light running crashes.

The City of Temple Terrace is one of more than 70 communities in Florida and 500 nationwide to employ red-light traffic cameras to enhance highway safety. Temple Terrace's program is administered by American Traffic Solutions, Inc., with each violation reviewed and approved by the Temple Terrace Police Department prior to being issued.

The fine for a first offense is \$158.