

# RED LIGHT CAMERAS

## Frequently Asked Questions. . .



### ***What is a red-light running violation?***

A red-light running violation occurs when a motorist enters an intersection after the traffic signal has turned red. Motorists already in the intersection when the signal changes to red, when waiting to turn for example, are not considered red-light violators.



### ***Why install red light cameras?***

The City of Jersey Village is committed to the safety of our community and dedicated to reducing preventable collisions at signalized intersections. Every year, needless crashes occur in Jersey Village due to motorists that run red lights. The Red Light Safety Program reports that red light camera safety programs in other cities have resulted in crash reductions between 40 and 90 percent.

### ***Where are the cameras?***

The cameras have been installed at the intersections on Highway 290 at Senate, Highway 290 at FM 529, and Highway 290 at Jones Road.

### ***Why did I receive this Notice of Violation?***

Based upon images captured by the automated system, your vehicle was determined to have committed a red-light violation. As the owner of the vehicle, the Notice of Violation is mailed to you.

### ***How much is the fine?***

Violators will be assessed a \$75 civil penalty, since this is a civil matter it does not count as a moving violation. The City of Jersey Village will not be making money from tickets issued as a result of these cameras. Most of the money goes to the State of Texas and the equipment company, with Jersey Village receiving a little of the revenue to pay for the overhead of citation verification.

### ***Is this only a revenue generating program?***

This is a safety program. Automated safety systems have been shown to reduce red-light violations and intersection crashes. Numerous studies throughout the U.S. and worldwide, as well as the experience of many other cities, indicate significant decreases in red-light running violations and collisions after cameras were installed. Often times, a spill-over effect results from automated enforcement: other intersections not monitored by automated enforcement also see a decrease in violations and accidents because of the presence of enforcement in other areas of the community.

### ***What happens if I ignore the Notice of Violation?***

Failure to pay the civil penalty or to contest liability by the due date is an admission of liability in the full amount of the civil penalty assessed on the Notice of Violation and constitutes a waiver of the right to appear under the City's ordinance. Failure to pay the civil penalty or to contest liability within the time allowed will result in a \$25 late fee and may result in the County Tax Assessor-Collector refusing to register the vehicle alleged to have been in violation of the ordinance.

### ***Will I receive any points on my driving record for this violation?***

The civil penalty may not be recorded on the owner's driving record and an arrest warrant may not be issued.

### ***Will my insurance rates be affected?***

No, this is a civil infraction and is not reported to any insurance agencies.

### ***What if I was issued a citation from an officer for the same offense?***

The citation issued by a police officer takes precedence over the Automated Intersection Safety System Notice of Violation. You must appear in court with both notices and the Adjudicative Hearing Officer will take the appropriate actions.

### ***What recourse do I have if I believe the citation was issued erroneously?***

If you receive a notice of violation, you may request a hearing. If you receive the notice of violation erroneously or if you have a legal justification for going through the red light (i.e., if an emergency vehicle forces you through the light), then you are not liable for the civil penalty.

### ***What if the light was yellow?***

The Automated Safety System only becomes active once the red light is showing. It will not capture a vehicle if the vehicle enters the intersection prior to the light changing to red. If you entered the intersection on yellow, it is legal to clear the intersection if the light turned red while you were still in the intersection.

### ***What to do if you receive a Notice of Violation***

The registered owner has four options to resolve the Notice of Violation: (1) pay the \$75 fine by mail, (2) pay online at [www.ViolationInfo.com](http://www.ViolationInfo.com), (3) appeal the violation in Municipal Court, or (4) submit a "Declaration of Non-Liability" through the Court for its review stating that the vehicle's registered owner was not driving the car at the time the violation was recorded. You may ONLY submit a Declaration of non-Liability form if you are in the business of renting or leasing vehicles or if the vehicle was sold or reported stolen at the time of violation.

Violators can view their violations and video online at [www.ViolationInfo.com](http://www.ViolationInfo.com).

**Forms of Payment:** Payments may **NOT** be made in person.

**Online:** [www.ViolationInfo.com](http://www.ViolationInfo.com) (There is a \$4 convenience fee.)

**Phone:** **1-866-790-4111** (Between the hours of 9AM and 5PM Central Time)

**Mail:** **Jersey Village Police Department, Automated Red Light Enforcement, 209 W. Main Street, Mesa, AZ 85201**

### ***How the System Works.***

Traffic signals are timed by the Texas Department of Transportation through careful study of each individual intersection using national recognized procedures.

Red light safety cameras monitor intersection approaches through advanced detection and imaging technology.



The safety cameras **only photograph a vehicle if it enters the intersection after the light has turned red**. A second photograph is taken as the vehicle progresses through the intersection. Vehicles that enter an intersection on a yellow light are not photographed even if they are still in the intersection when the light changes to red. The technology is designed to record motorists as they intentionally enter an intersection after the signal turns red. The camera photographs the vehicle from the rear – not the driver. The camera records the date, time, lane number, location and speed of the vehicle. This information is first reviewed by the company monitoring the equipment. Then this information is included on the notice of violation that is evaluated by the Police Department to verify that a violation has occurred and to determine whether a notice of violation should be mailed to the registered owner of the vehicle.