

# Frequently Asked Questions



## **Which Tallahassee intersections will be monitored by red light safety cameras?**

Safety cameras will be installed at intersections that have the highest numbers of traffic violations and collisions, including the following:

- Tennessee Street at Monroe Street
- Killearn Center Boulevard at Capital Circle Northeast

Future intersections will be posted online at [Talgov.com](http://Talgov.com) as they are determined.

## **If I am already in the intersection when the light turns red, will I receive a Notice of Violation?**

No. A violation occurs only when a motorist enters the intersection and crosses the stop line after the light has turned red.

## **If I receive a Notice of Violation, will I have the opportunity to ask questions and/or contest the violation?**

Yes. Notices of Violations will include a contact phone number and outline necessary steps in which to request a hearing to contest liability.

## **What if someone else was driving my car at the time of the violation?**

As the registered owner, you must provide a signed affidavit stating you were not operating the vehicle at the time of the violation and provide the name,

address and, if possible, the driver's license identification number of the person who was driving at the time of the violation. Details on this process will be provided on the Notice of Violation you receive in the mail. The Tallahassee Police Department will then forward the notice to the person identified.

## **How much is the fine and how will receiving a Notice of Violation affect my driving record?**

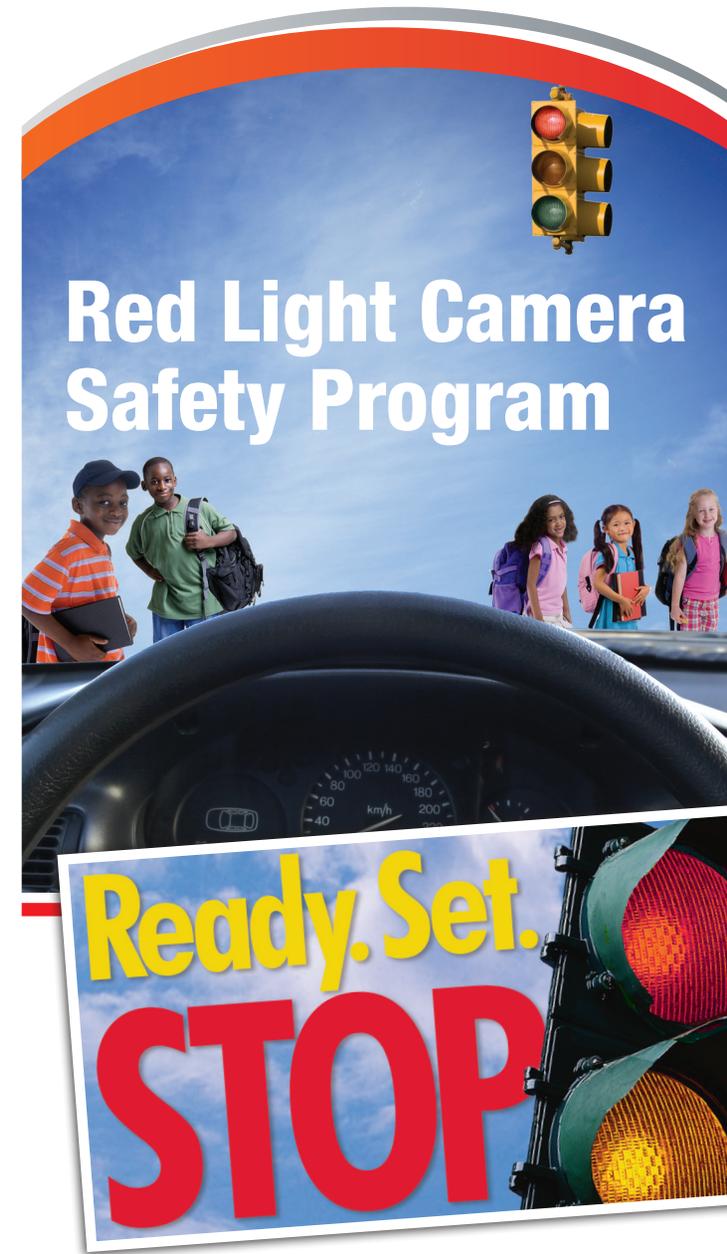
This program has been approved by the State of Florida and specifies that motorists receiving a violation issued through the Red Light Camera Safety program will be issued a \$158 civil penalty. A Notice of Violation is non-criminal and points will not be assessed to your driving record. However, if not paid within 30 days of the mail date, the Tallahassee Police Department will escalate the Notice of Violation to a Uniform Traffic Citation and transfer it to the Leon County Clerk of Courts. While still a non-criminal violation with no points assessed, the minimum cost will be \$271.

## **Is this a City program designed to garner additional funds to pay for government services?**

Funds collected from violations will be allocated to research benefiting brain and spinal cord injuries, the State of Florida and the City of Tallahassee. The City will receive 47 percent of the fines collected. While the City's primary goal is safety, revenue will be used to pay for City services.

Visit [Talgov.com](http://Talgov.com) to learn more about the City's Red Light Camera Safety Program.

Ready. Set. STOP!



# Ready. Set. **STOP!**

The City of Tallahassee will soon activate red light safety cameras. The intersections that will be monitored have some of the highest numbers of red light violations and traffic accidents related to red light running in our community. Making the decision to stop at these intersections and *all* intersections when the traffic light is red will help keep motorists safe and free from costly fines. A 30-day warning period will be in effect from July 1 until July 31, 2010. Violations will be issued for red light violations beginning August 1, 2010.



## Why Red Light Safety Cameras Are Needed

Red light violations contribute substantially to the more than one million intersection collisions that occur nationally each year. When red light safety cameras are operational, deaths and injuries resulting from collisions caused by red light running are significantly reduced.

Local efforts to reduce the number of red light violations will have important life saving benefits to the citizens living and working in Tallahassee. Our community's roads will be safer with the implementation of a public safety program that includes traffic monitors in problem areas.

## How The System Works

When a vehicle passes through a red light at an intersection where a camera is located, a series of photographs will be taken and video will be recorded to document the violation.

The photographs and video will then be processed and the license plate will be reviewed to identify the registered owner.

The captured images are then forwarded to the Tallahassee Police Department for review.

If upon review by a police officer it is determined that a violation occurred, the vehicle owner will be mailed a Notice of Violation. Notices will include copies of the violation photos and a web link to the video footage of the infraction.

The City will start the program with a 30-day period in which warning notices will be issued without any fees assessed. After the warning period, violations will result in a \$158 fine.



Red light safety locations will be listed on [Talgov.com](http://Talgov.com) and each intersection will be clearly marked with a sign.

## Red Light Cameras Enhance Safety

Red light cameras have led to significant decreases in intersection traffic violations and collisions in many communities throughout the United States. Photo enforcement is a proven deterrent that can bring about a behavior change resulting in motorists obeying traffic signals, respecting fellow drivers and avoiding crashes, injuries and loss of life caused by red light running.

We know we have a red light violation problem in Tallahassee. At the Monroe and Tennessee intersection, more than 450 red light violations were recently recorded in a sixteen-hour period.

Red light running is the leading cause of urban crashes according to the Insurance Institute of Highway Safety. The Partnership for Advancing Road Safety reports that 80 percent of Americans support the use of intersection safety cameras to identify vehicles running a red light.

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