

Minnesota Traffic Safety Camera Citation

Minnesota Statutes section 169.147 permits a municipality to participate in a Traffic Safety Camera System. In conformance with this section, the commissioner of transportation, in coordination with the commissioner of public safety, must establish a traffic safety camera pilot program that provides for education and enforcement of speeding violations (Minn. Stat. § 169.14, subd. 13), traffic-control signal violations (Minn. Stat. § 169.06, subd. 10)), or both in conjunction with use of traffic safety camera systems. The image printed on this page is evidence of a violation of either Minn. Stat. § 169.14, subd. 13, or 169.06, subd. 10.

The owner or lessee of a motor vehicle is not subject to a fine or conviction under section 169.06, subdivision 10 if:

- (1) the vehicle was stolen at the time of the violation;
- (2) a transfer of interest in the vehicle in compliance with section 168A.10 was made before the time of the violation;
- (3) the vehicle owner is a lessor of the motor vehicle, and the lessor identifies the name and address of the lessee;
- (4) the vehicle is an authorized emergency vehicle operated in the performance of official duties at the time of the violation;
- (5) another person is convicted, within the meaning under section 171.01, subdivision 29, for the same violation;
- (6) the vehicle owner provides a sworn statement to the court or prosecuting authority that the owner was not operating the vehicle at the time of the violation;
- (7) the vehicle owner provides a sworn statement to the court or prosecuting authority that the owner was operating the vehicle at the time of the violation under the circumstances of a medical emergency for either the driver or a passenger in the vehicle; or
- (8) the owner or lessee of the motor vehicle is issued another citation for the same conduct.

Except when a violation occurs in a commercial motor vehicle, or the violation was committed by a holder of a class A, B, or C commercial driver's license or commercial driver learner's permit:

A person who commits a first offense must be given a warning and is not subject to a fine or conviction. A person who commits a second offense is eligible for diversion, which must include a traffic safety course established under section 169.147, subdivision 11. A person who enters diversion and completes the traffic safety course is not subject to a fine or conviction.

If conviction is entered, the conviction does not constitute grounds for revocation or suspension of a person's driver's license.

When a violation occurs in a commercial motor vehicle, or the violation was committed by a holder of a class A, B, or C commercial driver's license or commercial driver learner's permit the two paragraphs above do not apply.

FOR INFORMATION: All or part of the cost of this summons may be waived on a showing of indigency or undue hardship on you or your family. You may schedule a court appearance to request a waiver based on your ability to pay by calling the Minnesota Court Payment Center (CPC). From a metro area phone number (612, 651, 763, 952) or international phone number call 651-281-3219; all others call 1-800-657-3611. For more information, call the CPC or visit www.mncourts.gov/fines.

PLEASE REFER TO THE INFORMATION SHEET PROVIDED WITH THIS CITATION WHICH INCLUDES ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON HOW TO RESPOND TO OR CONTEST THIS CITATION.

It may take up to 7 days from the date you received your citation for processing before the CPC can assist you or you can pay your fine online.

Go to www.mncourts.gov/fines to find out if your citation is payable without a court appearance, how much to pay, how to schedule a court appearance, to request a payment plan, and other important information.

TO PAY YOUR CITATION, choose one of the following methods:

- Online:** Go to www.mncourts.gov/fines. Have your citation or case number available. A convenience fee will apply.
- By Phone:** Call the CPC. Have citation or case number available. A convenience fee will apply.
- By Mail:** Check or Money Order payable to Court Administration, Minnesota Court Payment Center, P.O. Box 898, Willmar, MN 56201. Include a copy of your citation or indicate the citation number on the check or money order.
- In Person:** You can only pay in person in the county listed at the top of your citation in the "County Name" field. Court location information is available on www.mncourts.gov/Find-Courts.aspx.

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO APPEAR IN COURT. You must pay the amount owed **OR** schedule an appearance within 30 days from the date this citation is filed with the court. For more information about how to pay, schedule a court appearance, or other important information, call the CPC at the number above or go to www.mncourts.gov/fines.

IF YOU PAY THE FINE(S), YOU ARE PLEADING GUILTY to this offense(s) and voluntarily waive your rights to the following: (Minn. R. Crim. P. 23.03)

1. To a court trial, if the offense is a petty misdemeanor, or a court or jury trial for all other offenses;
2. To be represented by counsel;
3. To be presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt;
4. To confront and cross examine all witnesses; and
5. To either remain silent or to testify on your own behalf.

IF YOU FAIL TO PAY OR APPEAR IN COURT:

- Late penalties may be assessed.**
- The failure to appear will be considered a guilty plea** and waiver of your rights including the right to trial for certain offenses, unless you appear in court within 10 days of the failure to pay or appear and show the failure was due to circumstances beyond your control. (Minn. Stat. § 169.91; 609.491; Minn. R. Crim. P. 23.04-23.05.)
- A warrant may be issued for your arrest.**

If you are not a citizen of the United States, a guilty plea may result in deportation, exclusion from admission to the United States, or denial of naturalization as a United States citizen. Minn. R. Crim. P. 15.02, subd 1(3).

A guilty plea will result in a conviction.

The Department of Public Safety may be notified of your failure to pay or appear, and/or conviction, and may suspend your driver's license, depending on the circumstances of your case.

Depending on the circumstances of your case, under Minn. Stat. § 480.15, subd. 10c, unpaid fines may be referred for collections. You have the right to contest the referral based on inability to pay.

Issuance of a worthless check to the court is a crime, and you will be subject to civil and criminal penalties. In addition, a charge of up to \$30 will be assessed on all returned checks (Minn. Stat. § 604.113, subd. 2).