

Traffic safety camera pilot Program Details

Purpose of the traffic safety camera pilot

Traffic safety cameras help reduce crashes and save lives. They have worked well in other cities. Minneapolis has had an increase in traffic deaths since 2020. Speeding is the leading cause of severe crashes.

Traffic safety cameras are part of the City's [Vision Zero](#) efforts. These efforts aim to achieve zero traffic deaths and serious injuries on City streets. Other strategies include installing traffic safety treatments on High Injury Streets and investing in traffic calming.

Camera locations

A list and map of current traffic safety camera locations is available on the City's website.

minneapolismn.gov/traffic-safety-cameras

Locations must:

- Have a traffic safety concern.
- Be distributed fairly throughout the city.
- Be within 2,000 feet of a school.

See [traffic safety camera location analysis](#) for more details on how camera locations were selected.



Enforcement

Traffic safety cameras enforce for speeding for vehicles going 10 mph or more over the speed limit. The City plans to enforce running red lights as well at some locations starting in 2026. All camera locations have signs that warn about camera enforcement.

Violation overview

A warning is issued for a first offense. After the warning, subsequent violations will result in:

- A \$40 fine if a vehicle goes 10-19 mph or more over the speed limit or runs a red light; or
- A \$80 fine if a vehicle goes 20 mph or more over the speed limit.

For their first ticketed violation, drivers can take a free traffic safety class instead of paying a fine. For all ticketed offenses, traffic safety camera citations will not appear on driving records—except as required by law for holders of a commercial driver's license.

Safety camera equipment calibration

The traffic safety camera system uses advanced tracking radar. It identifies vehicles that speed 10 mph or more over the limit. The radar must be certified regularly by an independent 3rd party to ensure accuracy. If the radar spots a possible violation, it takes video and photos of the vehicle in the enforcement zone. This includes images of the back license plate. A trained City traffic control agent reviews all potential violations. If they confirm a violation, they issue a warning or citation.

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Traffic safety camera privacy protections

The traffic safety cameras do not do general surveillance. Under State law, the cameras can only be used for enforcing speeding and red light running.

The use of traffic safety cameras comply with additional State law requirements, which include:

- The cameras cannot be used as automatic license plate readers.
- The cameras can only record video or take pictures if they sense a potential speeding or red light violation.
- Cameras cannot capture pictures that can identify people.
- Requirements that data must be destroyed in a timely manner.
- The City's traffic safety camera vendor is prohibited from sharing any personal data except pursuant to a court order.
- Camera data are not subject to subpoena or other actions for any process that is not related to speed or red light camera enforcement.

Additionally, data security was a key part of the City's review of potential traffic safety camera vendors. The City's camera vendor, NovoaGlobal, has robust data security protections that meet or exceed all requirements. The City must do a regular audit of the vendor to ensure compliance with data practices requirements.

Mailed warnings and citations overview

Warning notices and citations are mailed to the registered owner of the vehicle that was speeding or ran a red light. Mailed warnings and citations will include the logo for City of Minneapolis Regulatory Services Traffic Control and a return address of "Automated Enforcement Division, PO Box 593095, Orlando, FL 32859-3095."

Mailed warnings and citations will include information on the infraction, including type of offense, location, date, time, speed limit, vehicle speed, license plate, and three pictures of the vehicle and license plate. The City of Minneapolis traffic enforcement agent who reviewed the violation will be listed.

Warning notices

All warning notices say that "no further action is required on your part." The warning is a reminder to slow down and obey speed limits and red lights. If there is another traffic safety camera violation in the same vehicle, then a citation will be issued for that subsequent violation. If you would like, you can see video of the violation by going to www.zerofatality.com and entering the license plate and password listed on the notice.

Additional details

- Visit the City's main [traffic safety camera pilot webpage](#)
- View full [State law provisions for the pilot](#)
- Read the [Minneapolis camera location analysis](#)



If you have additional questions you can call Minneapolis 311 or 612-673-3000 or email visionzero@minneapolismn.gov.

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I received a citation—what should I do now?

If you received a citation, **you must take action within 30 days from the date this citation is filed with the court.**

You need to either:

- pay the amount owed;
- take a free online traffic safety course (available for first citation only);
- share information if you think the citation should be dismissed; or
- schedule an appearance in court to contest the citation.

Your citation will include the amount due and due date, how to pay, details on situations in which you can have the citation dismissed, that you have the right to appear in court, and other details.

If you do not take action within 30 days, please refer to the back of the citation for the possible consequences.

To pay your citation:

There is information on the bottom of the citation on how you can pay online, by phone, by mail, or in person. All citation payments will be made directly through the Minnesota Courts.

To take a free online traffic safety course:

If this is your first traffic safety camera violation, you will have the option to take a free online traffic safety course. If you complete the course, then your citation will be dismissed.

To take this course, go to www.zerofatality.com, view your violation by using the plate and password listed on your citation, and click on the traffic safety course dismissal option.

Bases for dismissal:

The owner or lessee of a motor vehicle is not subject to a fine or conviction under the traffic safety camera program 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;

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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.

If one of these situations applies for your citation, you must provide applicable information so that the City or courts can consider whether to dismiss the citation.

The easiest way to provide information on one of these situations is to go to www.zerofatality.com, view your violation by using the plate and password listed on your citation, and click to fill out a review request.

Staff from the City Attorney's Office will consider the information and can dismiss your citation without you having to go to court.

You also have the right to appear in court to contest your citation. There is information on the back page of your citation notice on how to do that.

Contact for questions

If you have questions, you can call Minneapolis 311 or 612-673-3000. Agents are available Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

If you have questions about using www.zerofatality.com, you can call the City's traffic safety camera vendor, NovoaGlobal, at (800) 644-5601. Their agents are available Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.