

Frequently Asked Questions and Answers



Question: Why are Speed Zone Cameras being installed?

Answer: Over the past ten years there has been a nationwide spike in pedestrian fatalities due to a combination of speeding and distracted driving. Communities are turning to automated enforcement as a means of encouraging to follow speed limits and pay attention. Automated Enforcement is endorsed as a safety tool by the Governor's Highway Safety Association, AAA, Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety, the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety and the National Safety Council.

Slower driving saves lives. A person is about 70% more likely to be killed if they are struck by a vehicle traveling 30mph versus 25 mph. There is a 93% chance of survival if a pedestrian is struck at 20mph. Small differences in speed make a huge difference, especially in school zones.

Question: My area school has a lot of speeders. How can I request a system?

Answer: Speed Enforcement Programs are selected by the Police Department and local schools after a traffic study is performed to assess road conditions.

Question: How will I know where the cameras are?

Answer: Red-Speed puts up the warning signs for the camera systems. Traffic Engineering or GADOT is responsible for the school zone signs. The warning period is April 12, 2021 through May 21, 2021. During this 30-day period, drivers will be able to get used to the new signs and speeders will receive Warning Notices in the mail.

Question: I received a Warning Notice. What do I do?

Answer: Warning Notices are courtesy notices extended by the Police Departments, in addition to new clearly visible signs, to put drivers on notice of stepped up enforcement in school zones. If you received a Warning Notice no further action is required. All drivers are encouraged to obey speed laws.

Question: What are the criteria for receiving a speeding ticket?

Answer: According to state law automated school zone tickets are issued to drivers exceeding more than ten (10+) miles per hour over the speed limit.

Question: How much is the fine?

Answer: The first violation is \$75 and \$125 for subsequent violations. Payments are due by the "Pay By" date listed on the citation.

Question: Can I view my violation?

Answer: Yes. Login to <https://secure.speedviolation.com/> and enter your citation number. You will be able to view photos and video of the violation.

Question: What hours do the cameras operate?

Answer: From one hour before school until one hour after school. All monitored school zones and speeds are clearly marked.

Question: I received a School Zone Speed Ticket. How do I pay it?

Answer: You may mail a check or money order to the address printed on the citation and pre-printed return envelope.

For faster credit card payments, you may pay securely online at <https://secure.speedviolation.com/> Electronic payments post the same day and you can receive a confirmation by e-mail. For PAYMENT BY PHONE: Call 833-917-7333, available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

Question: If I get a ticket will my insurance go up?

Answer: Citations are civil offenses, not criminal infractions. No points are assessed on your driving record for automated enforcement violations. However, fines do escalate for repeat offenders.

Question: How do the Cameras work? Are they accurate?

Answer: The enforcement program utilizes state of the art multi-dimensional radar that tracks and monitors up to 350 cars simultaneously. Radar is accurate within .1 miles per hour. A detailed maintenance and testing log is maintained at all times. No tickets are issued within any possible margin of error.

Question: What happens to ticket revenue?

Answer: According to state law, paid citation revenue must be utilized for law enforcement activities that will make communities safer, such as equipment for the police department.

Question: Where can I read the law on automated enforcement?

Answer: Please click on the following link for the latest version of the Official Code of Georgia <https://bit.ly/33Btw6D>

