

RED LIGHT CAMERAS: *MYTHS* VS. **FACTS**

Red light enforcement cameras and speed cameras are the same.

A red light camera is a type of traffic enforcement camera that captures images of vehicles as they enter intersections after the traffic signals indicate the lights are red.

Speed cameras detect if a vehicle has exceeded the speed limit.

Red light camera notice of violations are considered “moving violations” that will affect the violator’s driving record.

Notice of violations are considered “non-moving violations” and do not affect the driving record of the registered owner of the vehicles.

If a driver enters an intersection when the light is green or yellow, a red light camera notice of violation will be issued.

If a driver enters an intersection when the light is green or yellow, that driver will NOT receive a notice of violation. It is legal to clear the intersection if one is already in the intersection when the light turns red.

All red light photo enforcement systems are owned and operated by the same company.

There are several companies that provide red light photo enforcement systems to municipalities across the United States and internationally. Each company operates in a manner that is independent of the other and is directed by the municipality it serves.

If a driver stops his or her vehicle past the white stop bar, he or she will receive a notice of violation.

Municipalities are precluded, by law, from issuing a citation if a vehicle comes to a complete stop even if that stop is after the stop bar.