



Naperville Notice

Overview

In the interest of traffic safety, the City of Naperville began operating its first Red Light Enforcement cameras at the intersection of North Aurora Road and Route 59 in January 2009..

A variety of enforcement efforts and studies at Naperville intersections show that there is an opportunity to measurably improve safety at certain intersections through the implementation of a Red Light Enforcement program. The Naperville Police Department reports 1,286 red-light citations were issued in 2006 and 1,190 citations were issued in 2005.

According to the 2006 Naperville Transportation Survey, the public desires increased compliance at traffic signals, with more than 77 percent of respondents indicating that they were “extremely” or “somewhat” supportive of this initiative. This solution had the highest approval rating of the choices that were offered.

Where are the Cameras Located?

The City of Naperville has Red Light Enforcement cameras at the following locations:

- Route 59 and North Aurora Road (eastbound and westbound)
- Route 59 and Diehl Road (northbound and southbound) - *October 2009*
- Ogden Avenue and Aurora Avenue (northbound and westbound) - *October 2009*

What are the City’s Goals for the Red Light Enforcement Program?

The City of Naperville has three main goals in relation to the Red Light Enforcement program:

- 1.) Reduce the number of injury/death crashes caused by right angle and turning collisions.
- 2.) Reduce the total number of crashes at the intersection.
- 3.) Reduce the number of red light violations at an intersection.

Studies have shown that the implementation of red light cameras have reduced injury related crashes by 25 to 30 percent at intersections. The City of Chicago has reported reductions in red light violations on an average of 40 percent where red light cameras have been installed.

What Have the Results of the Program Been?

Since implementing the Red Light Enforcement cameras at Route 59 and North Aurora Road, data indicates the following:

- Total crashes are down 19 percent
- Angle/Turning Crashes are down 75 percent
- Rear end crashes are down 8 percent
- Injury crashes are down 33 percent*

**Injury crashes consistent with 2005 and 2007, down 60% from 2006.*

What will the Naperville Police Department Consider a Violation?

In accordance with the law and the objectives of the program, the Naperville Police Department will approve citations to those violators who jeopardize the safe and efficient flow of vehicular and pedestrian traffic.

Citations WILL BE issued to registered owners whose vehicles:

- Run red lights without stopping.
- Make right turns against red lights without stopping.
- Stop after crossing the limit line/stop bar while making a right turn against a red light, forcing a pedestrian or a bicyclist into the roadway.

Citations WILL NOT be issued if:

- A motorist stops after the stop bar (unless they force a pedestrian or bicyclist from the crosswalk).
- A motorist stops and then proceeds forward to get greater sight distance and completes the right turn.
- A vehicle enters an intersection on a green light that turns red before the motorist has a chance to complete a left turn.
- A vehicle enters the intersection on yellow.

About the Administrative Hearing System for Red Light Violations

The City of Naperville has implemented an administrative hearing system to accommodate motorists who would like to contest a red light citation.

An administrative hearing system is a local method to adjudicate municipal violations, rather than prosecuting municipal violations through the County Court system. By law, home rule municipalities may prosecute local code violations through an administrative hearing process. This is permissible because local code violations are non-moving violations that are not reported to the Secretary of State.

The administrative hearing system is similar to the court process in that an appointed hearing officer presides over all contested violations and essentially serves as a judge at the hearings. Prosecutors are not present at the hearings because the citations are sufficient evidence of a violation.

The administrative hearing system offers several benefits for local motorists who are issued citations. Through the system, motorists are provided a more convenient time of day and location to contest a citation. All administrative hearings take place in the Naperville Municipal Center during the afternoon on a Saturday. If the citations were processed through the court system, violators would be required to be present at the DuPage County Courthouse in Wheaton on a weekday.

Local motorists also benefit from the administrative hearing system by paying a \$25 administrative fee if found liable, versus approximately \$50 in court costs. Furthermore, the process to contest a citation will be expedited with no continuances unless necessary.

All of the administrative functions of the hearing system are performed by the city's red light enforcement vendor, including creating and maintaining files and hearing dockets, tracking payments and issuing notices.

For More Information

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