Why does Schiller Park need Red Light Cameras?

Traffic studies show that Red Light Running is a problem at several intersections within the Village. The goal of the camera program is to change driver behavior by encouraging compliance with traffic signal laws through around-the-clock enforcement.

Why aren't Police Officers monitoring these intersections?

The Schiller Park Police Department is committed to the safety of their residents, but no community can afford to police every red light intersection 24 hours a day. Traditional enforcement also creates a safety hazard for the violator, other drivers, pedestrians and the officer when police chase a violator through a red light. This technology frees up officers to assist and protect residents in other ways.

Red Light Photo Enforcement

Deaths caused by red light running are increasing at more than three times the rate of increase for all other fatal crashes. Sadly, the victims are often occupants of other vehicles or pedestrians who happen to be in the intersection. *Source: Federal Highway Administration Safety Website. Safety.fhwa.dot.gov*

The Village is asking the residents of Schiller Park to respect the rules of the road and to consider not only their safety but the safety of others.

The Red Light Camera System is designed to encourage everyone to adopt safer driving habits and eliminate unnecessary iniuries and deaths.

The Village of Schiller Park's
Red Light Cameras
are located at:

Irving Park & River (East)
Lawrence & River (South)
Lawrence & River (East)
Mannheim & Irving Park (North) H1
Mannheim & Irving Park (North) H2

For more information please visit
www.villageofschillerpark.com

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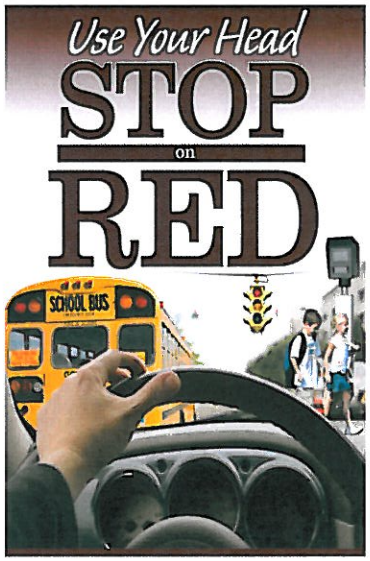
Red Light Photo Enforcement



Changing Driver Behavior
One Intersection at a Time

Is Red Light Running <u>really</u> a problem?

Each year in the United States, Red Light Running results in nearly 200,000 crashes, more than 800 deaths and 180,000 injuries.

Four in five crashes happened within 150 feet of an intersection.

Someone runs a red light *every5 minutes* in rush hour.

Source: Insurance Institute for Highway Safety

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What is a Red Light Violation?

There are Two Types of Red Light Violations:

- **Right Turn on Red without coming to a complete stop.**

You may be cited if you fail to bring your vehicle to a complete stop before turning right when the light is red. Turning right on red, after bringing your vehicle to a complete stop, is only allowed at intersections that do not have signs prohibiting such turns.

- **Entering an intersection after the traffic signal has turned red.**

Motorists already in the intersection (waiting to make a turn for example) when the signal changes to red will not be cited.

Questions & Answers about what to do if you receive a Notice...

How much time do I have to pay my Red Light Violation Notice?

You must pay the civil penalty of $100.00 on or before the due date on your Violation Notice. The due date is located on the top and bottom right of your Notice of Violation.

Violators may view their digital images and video clip by logging onto:

www.redlightviolations.com

I've received a Violation, what are my Options?

Individuals receiving a Violation Notice have Two Options available: Pay the Fine or Contest the Violation. Payments may be made via mail, thru a Village specific toll-free number or on-line. Individuals wishing to contest may do so either by mail or by requesting an in person hearing.

The following are the only valid reasons for a contest:

•Police officer already issued you a uniform traffic citation for the same violation (the citation issued by the police officer takes precedence over the Violation Notice).

•Vehicle or license plates were stolen and not recovered at the time of the violation,

•Vehicle was leased or rented to another party, and a written affidavit of the lessee of the vehicle and a lease agreement were submitted,

•Vehicle was an emergency vehicle or lawfully participating in a funeral procession.

What happens if I ignore the Violation Notice?

Failure to pay the civil penalty or to contest liability prior to the Pay or Contest Date will result in a Determination of Liability being entered against you. You will be given additional time to pay, at which time, if payment has still not been received, a Final Determination of Liability will be issued. If this notice goes unpaid, a late payment fee will be imposed and the fine increased. If this Second Notice remains unpaid, collections and an entry of a judgment against you may proceed.

Failure to pay Five (5) Violations may result in the *Owner's Drivers License Being Suspended.*

Common Misconceptions

"The red light cameras take a picture of the driver of the vehicle".

Not true. A violation of the Red light Camera Ordinance is a Civil Violation assessed against the owner of the vehicle.

"I cannot dispute a photo enforced ticket without expensive court costs".

Not true. As of January 2011, Illinois law prohibits any community from charging additional fees to individuals wishing to contest a photo enforced violation.

"Photo Enforced Violations do not allow for due process".

Not True. Photo Enforced Violations provide more due process than Officer issued violations. Individuals contesting the citation may do so either in person or via the mail, and the digital images presented provide a far more accurate account of the circumstances.

The camera flashes and automatically sends out a ticket".

Not true. Seeing a flash does not mean a ticket is generated. The camera does not automatically send out tickets. All digital evidence (including video) is reviewed by a trained Schiller Park Police Officer. No Citations are issued without Police Officer approval and authorization.