



Traffic cameras to be activated in October

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Traffic safety enforcement cameras will be active on Dayton streets as early as October 1, with ten cameras posted at five locations across the city. The camera system activation follows an Ohio Supreme Court ruling that overturned restrictions imposed by the state legislature in 2015.

During October, speed or red light violations will result in warnings. Beginning November 1, violations detected by cameras will generate citations with an \$85 fine, with additional penalties for late payments or unpaid fines. Citations are mailed to registered vehicle owners and include payment and appeal directions.

Camera sites were chosen based on data showing vehicle crash locations and types. Following are the camera locations:

- * West Third Street at James H. McGee Boulevard (three red light cameras)
- * North Gettysburg Avenue at Fairbanks Avenue (two speed cameras)
- * North Main Street at Siebenthaler Avenue (one speed camera)
- * South Keowee Street between East Third Street and East Fourth Street (two speed cameras)
- * South Smithville Road at Linden Avenue (two red light cameras).

Additional camera locations may be activated in the future. The Dayton Police Department's mobile "speed trailer" and hand-held speed cameras are also used as needed.

The City's use of traffic safety enforcement cameras is designed to save lives and to prevent injuries and property damage. There has been a 40 percent increase in vehicle crashes in Dayton since 2014 (the period approximately corresponding to the shut-down of the previous camera program). In 2016, there were more than 4,000 crashes on Dayton roads, resulting in more than 1,000 injuries and 31 fatalities. These deaths and injuries were preventable.

"Public safety is always our top priority," said Dayton Police Chief Richard Biehl.

"Camera enforcement is very effective in reducing accidents in high-risk areas."

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