

## Frequently Asked Questions

### Why did I receive this Violation?

Based upon images captured by the automated system, your vehicle was determined to have committed a red-light violation. As the vehicle owner, the Notice of Violation is mailed to you.

### I do not believe I ran a red light. Where can I go to view my images and video?

To view video and images, logon to [www.ViolationInfo.com](http://www.ViolationInfo.com) and enter the violation Number and the PIN Number located at the top right of your Notice of Violation. If you do not have Internet access, you may visit any public library for Internet access to view your images.

### What recourse do I have if I believe the violation was issued erroneously?

You may request a hearing in writing. A Hearing Request Form will be included with the violation.

### How much is the fine?

The Village of Skokie takes red-light running very seriously. The fine is \$100 for each offense.

### What about my driving record?

Because the violation is a civil matter, it is treated like a parking ticket. The violation is not reported to the Illinois Department of Motor Vehicles.



Village of *Skokie*

For more information about the Village of Skokie Photo-Enforcement Program, visit the website at

[www.skokie.org](http://www.skokie.org)

Or contact:

Skokie Customer Service  
Violation Processing Center  
Toll Free: 1-866-790-4111

## Why has the Village of Skokie implemented a Photo-Enforcement Program?

In 2007, there were 2,710 traffic crashes in Skokie. Photo-enforcement is one way we are trying to lower that number and improve safety on our roads. 812 of those accidents occurred where traffic signal controls were present.

According to the *Insurance Institute for Highway Safety*, nearly 2 million crashes annually occur in intersections. In 2007, red-light running resulted in almost 900 fatalities and 153,000 injuries.

Red-light running is a problem. It is believed that an automated Intersection Safety Camera Program will reduce the number of red-light collisions and injuries associated with these crashes.

The purpose of this program is to increase traffic safety in the Village of Skokie. The goal of the program is to change driver behavior, reduce red-light running violations, crashes, and injuries.

The ultimate goal of the Intersection Safety Camera Program is to change driver behavior. Every driver makes a decision when approaching an intersection where the light has just turned red. Impatient drivers often choose to continue through the intersection, ignoring the law and putting lives at risk.

## HOW THE SYSTEM WORKS

Intersection safety cameras monitor intersection approaches through advanced detection and imaging technology.

The safety cameras **only photograph a vehicle if it enters the intersection after the light has turned red**. A second photograph is taken as the vehicle progresses through the intersection.

The first image shows the vehicle at the white stop bar and the illuminated red light.

The second image shows the violator in the middle of the intersection with the red light illuminated.

The license plate image is a close-up from one of the images captured.

Data, including the time, date, and duration of the yellow and red lights, also is recorded.

Cameras also record a 12-second digital video of the violation, including six seconds prior to and six seconds after running the red light.

This information goes through a review process before being sent for a final evaluation by sworn members of the Police Department.

If it is concluded during the review process that no violation has occurred, the matter will be dismissed and no violation will be issued.

Once it has been determined that a violation has occurred, a violation is then mailed to the registered owner of the vehicle.

