

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 signalized intersection 24 hours a day.

Traditional enforcement creates a safety hazard for the violator, other drivers, pedestrians and the Police Officer when pursuing a violator through a red light.

This technology also has the potential to allow Police Officers to assist and protect residents in other ways.

Is this simply a way for the Village to make money?

The objective of this program is to deter drivers from disobeying the law, not catch them.

There is no cost to the Village for installing, operating, or maintaining the system. The program is completely violator funded.

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*

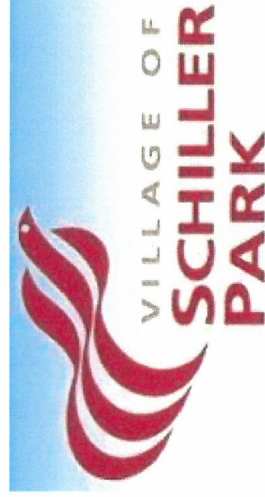
The Village is asking the residents of Schiller Park to respect the rules of the road and to consider not only their safety but the safety of others.

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

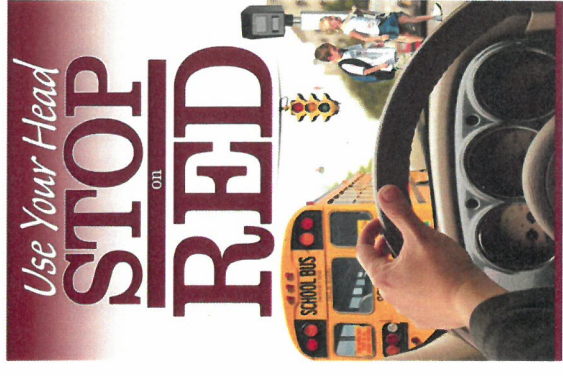
The Village's Red-Light cameras are located at:

- **Mannheim Rd. & Irving Park Rd. (Northbound)**
- **Lawrence Ave. & River Rd. (Southbound/Eastbound)**
- **River Rd. & Irving Park Rd. (Eastbound)**

For more information please visit www.villageofschillerpark.com



Red-Light Photo Enforcement



*Changing Driver Behavior
One Intersection at a Time*

Is Red-Light Running really 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 every 5 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 when the signal changes to red (waiting to make a turn-for example) will not be cited.

What are my options after receiving a Violation Notice?

- Individuals receiving a Violation Notice may choose to pay the fine or contest the violation.
- If you choose to pay the fine, you must pay the civil penalty on or before the Payment or Contest Received By Date listed on the bottom right side of your Violation Notice.
- The fine is \$100.00 for each violation.
- Payments can be made via mail, thru a Village specific toll-free number or online.
- You may view digital images and a video clip by visiting the website:

www.redlightviolations.com

How do I contest a violation?

Individuals wishing to contest may do so by selecting the In-Person Hearing or Contest by Mail option located on the Violation Notice stub.

The following are the only valid contest defenses:

1. A 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);
2. The vehicle or license plates were stolen and not recovered at the time of the violation;
3. The vehicle was leased or rented to another party. A written affidavit of the lessor of the vehicle and a lease agreement were submitted within sixty (60) days of the date on the notice;
4. The vehicle was an emergency vehicle, was yielding to an emergency vehicle was lawfully participating in a funeral procession;
5. The respondent was not the registered owner of the cited vehicle at the time of the violation;
6. Any other evidence or issues provided for by municipal or county ordinance.

What happens if I ignore the Violation Notice?

- Failure to pay the civil penalty or to contest liability prior to the Payment or Contest Received By Date will result in a Determination of Liability being entered against you and additional time to pay will be given.
- If the Determination of Liability Notice remains unpaid, a Final Determination of Liability will be issued.
- If the Final Determination of Liability Notice goes unpaid, a Late Payment Fee will be imposed and the fine increased.
- If the Late Payment Notice remains unpaid, the Village may seek collection efforts.

Failure to pay Five (5) or more 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. Illinois law does not permit front capture of the driver by a red-light camera.

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

Not true. Illinois law prohibits any community from charging additional fees to individuals wishing to contest a photo enforced violation at the local level.

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

Not true. Photo Enforced Violations provide greater due process than Officer issued violations. Individuals choosing to contest may do so either in-person or via the mail. Digital images and video 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.

"Photo enforcement is BIG BROTHER."

Not True. Photo enforcement technology has been utilized in Illinois since 2006. To date, there is not a single instance of alleged abuse of this technology that would support this claim.