

Question: Why were the Speed Zone Cameras installed?

Answer: The City of Durant began researching an automated speed enforcement program in November 2021. The purpose of the program was to determine if we had a need first and then to reduce the number of speeding vehicles traveling through our city, reducing the likelihood of crashes. The speed safety program includes areas throughout the City of Durant – in conjunction with Blue Line Solutions, LLC., we have established an extensive program that emphasizes safety, education, and information components not usually utilized in photo-speed enforcement programs.

Question: Where are the cameras located?

Answer: Throughout the City of Durant. The Durant Police Department will begin using a camera mounted to a LIDAR hand-held device. It should be assumed that automated speed enforcement technology could be in use at any time.

Question: Will I be ticketed for traveling 1 or 2 miles per hour over the posted limits?

Answer: Any violation of subsection 71.02 above shall be subject to a civil fine as scheduled in the table below, and the fine for any violation committed in a designated construction zone (as provided by the Code of Iowa), shall be doubled, as scheduled below, subject in any event to the limit on fines sought in municipal infractions.

1 through 5 miles per hour ("MPH") no fine

6 through 10 MPH No fine

11 through 20 MPH \$75.00

21 through 25 MPH \$100.00

26 through 30MPH \$125.00

Over 30MPH \$200.00

Speed over the limit if in construction zone-doubled.

Question: I received a violation for speeding but wasn't driving my vehicle. Do I have to pay for it?

Answer: Within 30 days from the date appearing at the top of a notice of Automated Traffic Citation sent to the Vehicle Owner, the Vehicle Owner may either pay the fee associated with the citation or challenge the citation by submitting a written challenge to the citation or requesting that municipal infraction be filed pursuant to Iowa Code 364.22. Any such written challenge or request must be on a form specified by and available from the City as indicated on the notice, and be sent to the City according to the instructions on that form. Upon receipt of a written challenge, a

Durant Police Officer shall determine whether the citation should be rescinded. Within 30 days after the City receives such a challenge, the City shall notify the Vehicle Owner whether the challenge to the Automated Traffic Citation is successful, in which case, the citation shall be rescinded. Otherwise, the citation shall stand. Thereafter, the City may seek voluntary payment and/or file the citation as a municipal infraction against the Vehicle Owner, all as set forth in subsection (f) hereof.

Question: If I get a ticket will my insurance go up?

Answer: Citations are civil offenses, not criminal. No points are assessed on your driving record for automated enforcement violations.

Question: How do the Cameras work? Are they accurate?

Answer: The automated speed enforcement technology is 100% accurate in determining exactly which vehicle it's capturing. The hand-held cameras use a LIDAR laser beam and a camera that is aimed at a single lane and vehicle. This guarantees the vehicle speed recorded is matched to the proper vehicle.

Question: What happens to citation revenue?

Answer: Paid citation revenue will be utilized for law enforcement activities, public safety initiatives, such as police equipment, and new school resource officers that will make our community safer.

Question: I received an automated photo Speeding Citation. How do I pay for it?

Answer: The easiest and most convenient payment method is via the web. The following link may be used.

Online at: <https://www.violationpayment.net/pay-view-citation.html>

You may also mail a check or money order to the address printed on the citation and pre-printed return envelope.

Payment by phone: Call 855.252.0086. Please patiently and thoroughly listen to the prompts. If you wish to speak to a representative, press "9" or "0". Representatives can look up your citation by name, notice number, or tag number.

For a full copy of the city ordinance

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