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# SPEED CAMERA VIOLATIONS

## OVERVIEW

The City of Syracuse is continuing its efforts to improve student safety through its speed camera enforcement program. As part of the City of Syracuse's School Zone Traffic Enforcement initiative, in partnership with Syracuse City School District, school zones now have speed cameras to deter drivers from speeding in areas where children are likely to be present.

### What do the cameras do?

Speed cameras use radar technology to measure the speed of vehicles passing. If a vehicle is detected traveling above the speed limit, the camera captures an image of the vehicle, including its license plate. The footage is used as evidence of the traffic violation. This evidence is then reviewed, and if a violation is confirmed, a citation is issued to the vehicle owner.

### Why is the City of Syracuse implementing this program?

Speed cameras are used to enhance the safety of students and pedestrians by deterring drivers from speeding in areas where children are likely to be present. As part of the Vision Zero Initiative, Syracuse is committed to eliminating traffic deaths and creating a more equitable, healthy, walkable, and bikeable city. Reducing vehicle speeds in school zones helps prevent accidents and ensures a safer environment for everyone.



### IMPORTANT NOTICE TO VEHICLE OWNERS

Through high-resolution imaging, license plates are captured for the purpose of sending fines to **vehicle owners**.

It is important for vehicle owners to ensure that insured motorists who are operating an owner's vehicle follow all New York State traffic laws.

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## WHAT TO KNOW

### What is a violation?

- Speed cameras use radar technology to measure the speed of vehicles passing. If a vehicle is detected traveling above the speed limit, the camera captures an image of the vehicle, including its license plate.
- The camera captures two photographic images and video of the alleged speed violation:
  - The first image shows the vehicle driving in excess of the predetermined speed.
  - The second image shows the time interval from when the first image was taken.
  - The license plate is taken from a close-up of one of the images captured.
  - A high definition video clip of the event is provided as evidence.

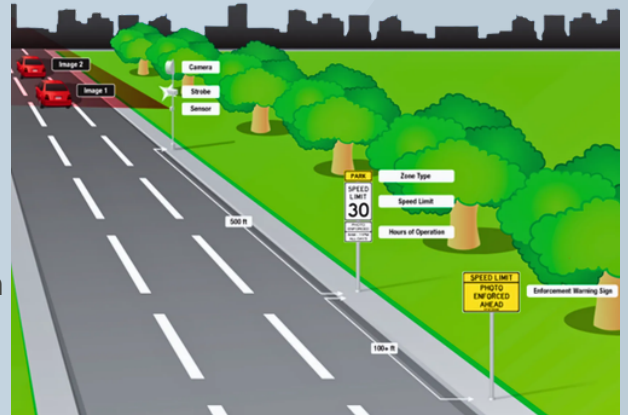


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### Are the cameras always recording?

- Speed cameras in school zones operate during posted school hours.
- Cameras are only activated when a speeding infraction occurs.

### What is the penalty for speeding in a school zone?

- In New York State, the penalty for speeding in a school zone is \$50. A \$25 late penalty will be added for unpaid fines.

### Who reviews the footage from the cameras?

- The footage is initially reviewed by the speed camera contractor to determine if a violation occurred. The Syracuse Police Department then confirms the footage before issuing a citation.

**What to do if you want to dispute a violation?** The Municipal Violations Bureau (MVB) handles the adjudication of tickets issued by the City of Syracuse. The MVB allows vehicle owners to dispute tickets, and conducts quick and fair hearings. To learn more about disputing school zone traffic enforcement tickets, visit the Municipal Violations Bureau at City Hall or visit [syr.gov/SZTE](http://syr.gov/SZTE).