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RED LIGHT CAMERA VIOLATIONS

Effective July 1, 2010, Florida Statute 316.0083 was created establishing a procedure related to Red Light Camera violations. The law allows a municipality, county or the state to operate red light cameras to enforce red light traffic violations.

How the Process Works

A red light camera photographs a vehicle that fails to stop at a red light.

A Notice of Violation is mailed to the address on file with the Department of Motor Vehicle for the registered owner of the vehicle within 30 days of the offense. The owner has 60 days after receiving the notice to either:

1. Pay the **penalty of \$158** directly to the issuing county/municipal agency as indicated on the Notice of Violation.
2. Submit an affidavit to the agency claiming one of the following exemptions:
 - The driver was trying to yield the right of way to an emergency vehicle or as part of a funeral procession.
 - The driver passed through the intersection at the direction of law enforcement.
 - The motor vehicle was in the care, custody or control of another person, in which case the owner must provide additional information identifying the driver or proving theft of the vehicle. If the vehicle owner identifies another person as the driver, that driver may receive a Notice of Violation.
 - The driver has already received a citation from a law enforcement officer for the violation captured by the red light camera.
3. Request a hearing.

Review of Photographs and Images

The owner also has the right to review the photographic or electronic images used to support the violation. Information to view the images is located on the Notice of Violation.

Payment, Affidavit or Hearing Request Not Submitted Within 60 Days

If the payment, affidavit or request for hearing has not been submitted within 60 days, the original violation will become a Red Light Traffic Citation with a higher fine. The vehicle owner will receive from the agency that issued the violation notice a traffic citation and will have 30 days to choose one of the following options:

1. Pay the increased **penalty of \$262**, which includes additional court fees.
2. Plead not guilty in writing, submit it to the Clerk & Comptroller, and request a court date. If found guilty at the hearing, the court may assess an additional penalty of up to \$500, plus court costs.

Driver's License Suspension

If the offender does not pay the citation penalty amount or submit a Plea of Not Guilty within 30 days after the citation is issued, their driver's license will be suspended and they will incur additional fees and costs.

Driving Record - Points

Regardless of the disposition, no points will be assessed to the offender's driving record for a Red Light Camera Violation and attendance at a driving school is not required.

Maintain Updated Address with the Department of Motor Vehicles

It is important to advise the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) of any change to your address to ensure you receive all notifications or citations for any traffic violations. You are required by law to notify DMV within 10 days of any address changes. Failure to do so can result in increased penalties and the suspension of your driver's license. If you need to update your address with DMV you may:

Contact them on-line at: <http://www.gorenew.com/>

Contact them by phone at:

- Dade City (352) 521-4360
- Land O' Lakes (813) 235-6020
- New Port Richey (727) 847-8165
- Zephyrhills (813) 235-6020

Red Light Camera Locations

Currently Red Light Cameras are located in the City of Port Richey and the City of New Port Richey at the following intersections. Note that additional red light cameras may be added at any time by any municipality, the county or the state.

City of Port Richey

- North Bound US 19 @ Ridge Road
- South Bound US 19 @ Ridge Road

City of New Port Richey

- West Bound Main Street @ US 19
- North Bound US 19 @ Gulf Dr
- South Bound US 19 @ Gulf Dr

- North Bound US 19 @ Trouble Creek Rd
- North Bound US 19 @ Floramar Terr

Questions

If you have any questions regarding Red Light Cameras or need more information contact the issuing agency or the Clerk & Comptroller's Office at the following numbers:

- Port Richey Police Department (727) 816-1919
- New Port Richey Police Department (727) 841-4550, option 3
- Clerk's Traffic Division (727) 847-8031, option 2
(352) 521-4542, option 2