

City of Fort Dodge, IA

Speed Safety Enforcement Program

About The Program

Community leaders in the City of Fort Dodge have determined that automated photo enforcement will be a deterrent for unsafe driving within our City. In numerous cities and towns throughout Iowa and the US, photo enforcement cameras have succeeded in changing driver behavior. The goals of this program are simple: a reduction in vehicular accidents and a complement to our existing police force.

Police officers can't enforce traffic laws everywhere, all the time. These cameras will allow us to extend our traffic enforcement efforts, keeping intersections and roadways safer. Importantly, the program will require zero up-front costs, with all funding subsidized by violators.

Agencies such as the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, the Federal Highway Administration, the Governor's Highway Safety Association, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the National Transportation Safety Board have all concluded that automated photo traffic enforcement is a proven benefit to communities concerned about the safety of drivers and pedestrians. We encourage you to respect the rules of the road — and help keep yourself and your neighbors safe and sound.

How does the program work?

The speed photo monitoring system captures evidence of vehicles traveling an excess speed over the posted speed limit in designated areas.

The camera system captures two photographic images, video of the rear of the vehicle and in addition, a speed measurement of the alleged violation.

How is a violation verified?

Alleged violations are reviewed by City of Fort Dodge's trained technicians to determine the validity of the violation. If the technician determines that a violation has occurred, a notice of violation, otherwise known as a citation, will be issued and mailed to the registered owner of the vehicle.

How is the owner notified?

Such Notices of Violation will be mailed within 15 days after receiving information about the vehicle owner. The notice will include information on how a motorist can pay or contest liability of the citation, as well as how to view images of the violation by utilizing the online portal - www.viewcitation.com.

The citation number and PIN number are required to access the online portal. This information can be found on the violation notice received in the mail.

Explain the fines, payment & hearings.

For Speed Violations:

Speed Over The Limit	Civil Fine	Construction Zone Fine
11 through 20 MPH	\$75	\$150
21 through 25 MPH	\$100	\$200
26 through 30 MPH	\$225	\$450
Over 30 MPH	\$300	\$600

Motorists will have 30 days from the date of the notice of violation to pay the civil penalty or request a hearing date.



Failure to pay the civil penalty or to contest the liability of the violation by the due date issued may result in additional late fees and collection efforts.

Payment details:

Pay the notice by calling **1-844-397-3111** Monday through Thursday 7am-7pm & Friday 7am-5pm CST or online at **www.viewcitation.com**. VISA, MASTERCARD and DISCOVER cards are accepted.

You can also pay mailing a check or money order, made payable to "The City of Fort Dodge," to:

**Citations Processing Center - Fort Dodge, IA
PO BOX 7200
Beverly, MA 01915**

Hearings are as follows:

You may appeal within thirty (30) days from the date on the Notice of Violation. A citizen may choose to contest their citation

Once scheduled, a date and time will be provided for the scheduled hearing through a Contest Acknowledgment Letter.

Alternatively, citizens can call the Citations Processing Center at **1-844-397-3111** Monday through Thursday 7am-7pm & Friday 7am-5pm CST, for assistance/questions on contesting a citation. Please have your **Citation number** and **PIN number** available.

In the event the hearing is ruled "Liable," you may choose to appeal the decision by requesting a trial by Court. Keep

in mind that a civil infraction will have additional court costs and fees. The losing party will be responsible for these costs and fees. Failure to appear for the hearing may result in a finding of liability for the municipal infraction.

To request a municipal infraction case be filed, send a request to:

trafficcam@fortdodgeiowa.org

or

**Fort Dodge Police Department
702 1st Avenue South
Fort Dodge, IA 5051**

The citation's issued are considered civil citations, holding the registered owner or lessee responsible for the violation.

NO points can be assessed for the citations and they will not increase the insurance rates of those held responsible.