

Thirty Day Grace Period Begins on July 28, 2017 for Citrus Heights Motorists

In an effort to reduce collisions and make City streets safer, Citrus Heights implemented a red light photo enforcement program in May 2008. On July 28, 2017 the City of Citrus Heights will expand their program to include two new locations. Cameras and violation sensors will monitor two more of the city's highest-risk intersection approaches – starting with the intersection(s) of Greenback Lane and Auburn Boulevard as well as Greenback Lane and Parkoaks Dr.

The program is seen by City officials as an important step to improve the safety and flow of local traffic. However, by law drivers who live, work, or travel through Citrus Heights are granted a 30-day grace period before actual citations are issued.

“Photo enforcement has a greater deterrent effect if drivers are aware it’s out there,” said Sergeant Kris Frey, Program Manager. “It is important to us that all Citrus Heights drivers know we are using photo enforcement and that they have time to learn about this safety program.”

For the first thirty days when Citrus Heights starts using the red light enforcement cameras, only Warning Notices will be issued. The Notices will explain that beginning (August 26, 2017), actual citations will be sent to violators, who will then be responsible for paying the \$481 fine. It should be noted that right turns on a red light, without stopping, is also a violation. Drivers must come to a **complete stop behind the limit line** to make sure the intersection is clear of traffic and pedestrians, before continuing with the right turn.

“Though we are committed to improving the safety of our streets, we want to be as fair as possible to motorist travelling in our city,” Chief Ron Lawrence confirmed. “This is a thirty-day grace period, but motorists should take note that in 30 days the citations and the fines will be real. An Officer can still stop and issue a citation if they observe the violation.”

“We want to make our intersections and roadways in Citrus Heights as safe as possible with the goal of reducing traffic collisions and saving lives,” the Chief added.

Citrus Heights’ red light enforcement program will be administered by Redflex Traffic Systems, Inc., an Arizona-based provider of traffic safety photo enforcement.