

The Town of Stratford, CT

Automated School Zone Speed Enforcement Program



About The Program

Community leaders in the Town of Stratford have determined that automated photo enforcement will be a deterrent for unsafe driving within our Town. In numerous cities and towns throughout Connecticut and the US, photo enforcement cameras have succeeded in changing driver behavior. The goals of this program are simple: a reduction in vehicle crashes and reduce speed in our school zones while students are in school.

Police officers can't enforce traffic laws everywhere, all the time. These cameras allow us to extend our traffic enforcement efforts, keeping our school zones safer.

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?

Speed Enforcement System

The speed photo enforcement system captures evidence of vehicles traveling over the posted speed limit within designated enforcement and school enforcement zones.

How is a violation verified?

Alleged violations are reviewed by Town of Stratford sworn police officers, to determine the validity of the violation. If the officer 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?

Notices of Violation are mailed to the registered owner of the vehicle in accordance with state law. 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 - viewcitation.com.

A **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. The citation number is made up of a city code (the first three digits) and a violation number (digits after the period). Both the citation number (ex: **053.123456**) and the PIN number (ex: **12345678**) will need to be entered correctly into the specified log in fields for the online portal. The **period(.)** is to be included when entering your citation number to log in.

Explain the fines, payment & hearings.

Speed violations carry an associated civil monetary penalty of \$50.00 for the violator's first offense. Any subsequent offense will result in a \$75.00 fine. 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, is an admission of liability. Additional fees and collection efforts may occur if the violation remains unpaid.



Payment Details:

Pay the notice by calling **1-888-877-5007** or online at **viewcitation.com**. VISA, MASTERCARD and DISCOVER cards are accepted.

You can also pay by mailing a check or money order, made payable to the "Town of Stratford," to:

Citations Processing Center - Stratford, CT
PO BOX 56045
Boston, MA 02205-6045

To Contest the Violation:

Motorists can choose to schedule an administrative review to contest the citation with the Town of Stratford Police Department. Motorists can choose to appear in person for this review or can choose to contest by mail (the mail option is only available to those who do not reside in Fairfield County).

To schedule an administrative review, visit **viewcitation.com**, or call **1-888-877-5007** (Monday through Thursday 8am-8pm & Friday 8am-6pm ET) to speak with a representative. Details for attending the administrative review will be provided once a date and time have been scheduled. Requests **must** be made by the due date listed on the front of the issued notice. Administrative reviews will take place at the address listed below:

Stratford Town Hall
2725 Main St
Stratford, CT 06615

On the back of the initial notice of violation is also an **Affidavit of Defense** form. By the date referenced on the front of the issued notice, motorists may fill out and provide the Affidavit of Defense form to the Town of Stratford Police Department using the following procedure:

1. An affidavit executed by the registered owner stating that another person was operating the vehicle of the registered owner at the time of the violation, identifying that person as a designated party who may be held liable for the violation, and containing at a minimum the name and address of the designated party.
2. An affidavit stating the registered owner is an enterprise engaged in a rental, sale or lease of motor vehicles.
3. An affidavit by the vehicle owner stating that at the time of the violation, the motor vehicle or the license plates of the motor vehicle involved were stolen or were in the care, custody, and control of some person who did not have the owner's permission to use the motor vehicle; or that the motor vehicle or license plates of the motor vehicle were stolen before the violation occurred and were not under the control or possession of the owner at the time of the violation.

The affidavit of defense must be filled out completely and mailed to:

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Please call the Citations Processing Center at **1-888-877-5007** (Monday through Thursday 8am-8pm & Friday 8am-6pm ET) for assistance in contesting a citation. Please have your Citation number and PIN number available.