



## **City of Opa-Locka School Zone Safety Program**

The Opa-Locka Police Department is working to improve community safety by installing state-of-the-art digital speed safety cameras to decrease traffic violations and collisions and to help increase safety around our schools.

That's why the city has partnered with Verra Mobility to use school zone speed safety cameras at eight high-risk locations near the town's schools to decrease potential violations. This effort aims to protect our students from reckless drivers so they can safely get to and from school.

Speed safety cameras are proven to be effective in reducing crashes as well as pedestrian-related injuries. Most importantly, communities that use speed safety cameras consistently report safer roads around their schools. We want to stop this behavior before it becomes fatal. The cameras will enforce speeding violations during the entire school day as a show of commitment to student safety whenever they leave home.

Cameras will be placed near the entrances of the following schools: Robert B. Ingram Elementary School, Nathan B. Young Elementary School and Opa-Locka Elementary School.

Our school zone speed safety program helps drivers pay more attention and obey traffic laws.

### **FAQs**

#### ***How do the school zone speed safety cameras work?***



The photo speed monitoring systems have sophisticated radar equipment that monitors vehicle speeds as traffic approaches and passes the equipment. When a vehicle exceeds the threshold limit, a photograph is taken of the vehicle. A second photograph is taken as the vehicle passes the detection zone to record the vehicle's license plate. The infraction's date, time, speed, and location is recorded on the digital image. The Opa-Locka Police Department reviews each incident before a citation is issued. The citation will contain vehicle images and a close-up of the license plate.

### ***Why did I receive a Notice of Violation?***

A Notice of Violation for a speed violation was issued as your vehicle was found to be traveling more than 10 miles per hour over the school zone speed limit during one of the following times:

- Within 30 minutes before through 30 minutes after the start of a regularly scheduled breakfast program.
- Within 30 minutes before through 30 minutes after the start of a regularly scheduled school session.
- During the entirety of a regularly scheduled school session.
- Within 30 minutes before through 30 minutes after the end of a regularly scheduled school session

### ***Will the cameras take a picture of the driver of the vehicle?***



No. A speed violation of Florida Statutes §§ 316.1895 and 316.183 is a civil violation assessed against the vehicle's owner; it is not a criminal violation. Like a parking ticket, there is no need to identify the driver and, therefore, no need to capture the driver's image.

***What is the fine amount for a school zone speeding violation? Are there any fees for late payments?***

The motor vehicle owner is liable for payment of a statutory penalty of \$100 for the Notice of Violation. There are no points assessed for this Notice of Violation. If the vehicle owner does not pay the statutory penalty, request a hearing, or submit an affidavit by the due date listed on the Notice of Violation, a Uniform Traffic Citation will be issued.

***I have received a UTC; may I submit an affidavit?***

Yes, you may submit an affidavit. You must download the Post UTC Affidavit from the links at the bottom of the page on [www.ViolationInfo.com](http://www.ViolationInfo.com). The Post UTC Affidavit must be mailed to the Opa-Locka Police Department. Submission of an affidavit does not guarantee a dismissal of the UTC. You may call Customer Service at 1-866-225-8875 ten (10) days after submission to check on status.

***How do I pay my citation?***

**ONLINE PAYMENT:** The fastest and easiest way to pay your Notice is to pay online. Go to [www.ViolationInfo.com](http://www.ViolationInfo.com) and log on with your Notice # and PIN shown in the red box on the front of this notice. Click the Pay button. There is a convenience/service fee for this service.

**PAYMENT BY PHONE:** Call toll-free 24 hours a day, 7 days a week: 1-866-225-8875. There is a convenience/service fee for this service.

**PAYMENT BY MAIL:** Mail your check or money order (payable to the City of Opa-Locka) in the enclosed envelope with the coupon printed at the bottom of the reverse side of your notice. DO NOT MAIL CASH. Be sure to put the Notice # on the face of your payment. If you have any questions, please contact customer service at [info@violationinfo.com](mailto:info@violationinfo.com).

***What if I am not the driver at the time of the violation?***

The registered owner of a vehicle will be mailed the Notice of Violation. The vehicle's registered owner is deemed responsible for the violation and the payment of a \$100 penalty unless, in compliance with Florida Statute §



316.1896(7), the registered owner establishes by a sworn affidavit that a statutory exemption applies.

The exemptions are that the motor vehicle: (a) was, at the time of the violation, in the care, custody, or control of another person; (b) a law enforcement officer issued a UTC to the driver of the motor vehicle for the violation of Florida Statutes §§ 316.1895 and 316.183 stated in this Notice; or (c) the motor vehicle's owner was deceased on or before the date that the UTC was issued. The registered owner may submit information and supporting documentation by mailing an Affidavit that is downloadable from [www.ViolationInfo.com](http://www.ViolationInfo.com).

- a) If you assert that the vehicle was in the care, custody, or control of another person, you must provide the name, address, date of birth, and, if known, the driver's license number of the person who leased, rented, or otherwise had care, custody, or control of the vehicle at the time of the violation. Acceptance of this assertion by the Police Department will result in issuing a Notice of Violation to the person named in the affidavit. If the vehicle was stolen, then the affidavit must include a copy of a police report showing the vehicle to have been stolen.
- b) If you assert that a law enforcement officer issued a UTC for the violation of Florida Statute §§ 316.1895 or 316.183, as stated in the notice, you must include the serial number of the UTC. For faster processing, you may, but are not required to, include a copy of the UTC. The affidavit must be sworn before a notary public or authorized person to administer oaths. If an owner furnishes satisfactory evidence and the affidavit complies with Florida Statute § 316.1895 requirements, the violation will be dismissed. When naming another person as the driver, a Notice of Violation will be issued to the person identified in the evidence as the motor vehicle operator at the time of the Violation.
- c) If you assert that the motor vehicle's owner was deceased on or before the date that the Notice of Violation was issued, then you must include a certified copy of the owner's death certificate showing that the date of death occurred on or before the issuance of the uniform traffic citation and one of the following: a. A bill of sale or other document showing that the deceased owner's motor vehicle was sold after his or her death but on or before the date of the alleged violation, b. Documentary proof that the registered license plate belonging to the deceased owner's vehicle was returned to the department or any branch office or authorized agent of the department on or before the date of the alleged violation, or c. Copy of a police report showing the deceased owner's registered license plate or motor vehicle was stolen after the owner's death but on or before the date of the alleged violation.

***What if I was issued a citation from an officer for the same offense?***



The citation issued by a police officer takes precedence over the Notice of Violation. You must submit an affidavit with the serial number of the UTC that you received for violation of Florida Statutes Florida Statutes §§ 316.1895 and 316.183. For faster processing of the affidavit, you can include a copy of the UTC.

***How can I see the video and images captured for my Notice of Citation?***

You can view your images on any computer with an Internet connection. Log on to [www.ViolationInfo.com](http://www.ViolationInfo.com). To log on to the site, enter the Notice Number and the PIN Number at the top right of your Notice of Violation. You may view your images at your local public library if you do not have internet access.

***Who do I speak to with questions about my citation?***

If you have any questions, please call customer service (toll-free) at 1-(866)-790-4111.