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Subject: Automated Tickets

Posted by [iLoveiPod](#) on Tue, 24 Apr 2012 23:23:37 GMT

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Have you ever gotten an automated ticket? We have several red light intersections in town that are monitored by traffic cameras, and they'll send you a ticket any time you violate a traffic law, like running a red light or turning illegally.

For those of you that have gotten one of these tickets, have you ever felt that it was in error and tried to fight it? If so, what was the outcome?

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Subject: Re: Automated Tickets

Posted by [Thermionic](#) on Thu, 26 Apr 2012 11:27:12 GMT

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Thankfully, I've never gotten a ticket by one, nor has anyone else I know. But, I'm not gonna waste a good opportunity to rant about those beastly things! We have 'em all over town. I frequently find myself hitting the brakes hard to stop at yellow lights, that I'd otherwise cruise on through if there were no red-light camera. So do many others.

Studies have shown that installing red-light cameras causes an increase in rear end collisions, because people (like me!) are afraid of them and will trounce down hard on the binders to make SURE they're stopped in time, even if the light had only just then turned yellow. They tell us that the cameras don't trigger unless someone enters the intersection after the light has turned red. But, we all know how trustworthy the government is, especially when it comes to money.....

Many municipalities have removed them altogether, because the cost of the third party companies that monitor them exceeded the ticket revenue they generated. We've noticed that several have been recently removed at some of the lower-traffic intersections here. A good start....

Thermionic

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Subject: Re: Automated Tickets

Posted by [TurnItUp](#) on Fri, 27 Apr 2012 21:47:51 GMT

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I have never gotten a ticket from one, but my sister-in-law did. The ones in our community are still up, but they aren't active. Somebody sued the county over them and won so now they don't use them.

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Subject: Re: Automated Tickets

Posted by [gofar99](#) on Sun, 29 Apr 2012 15:37:28 GMT

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Subject: Re: Automated Tickets

Posted by [love2play](#) on Mon, 30 Apr 2012 18:26:00 GMT

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I have to agree with you on this one GoFar. Perhaps if people would get off of their stupid phone they might be able to drive a little better. That is one of my biggest pet peeves ever!

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Subject: Re: Automated Tickets

Posted by [Bill Wassilak](#) on Thu, 03 May 2012 09:10:15 GMT

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I've gotten one at from a toll both one time, but it wasn't my vehicle and I was driving it. I just called the turn pike authority and they told me not to worry about it.

Here in Britain they have them all over, but if your in a rental car you never get a ticket. But if your in your own pesonal vehicle you'll get one in the mail. Big brother's watching you all the time over here.

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