



Red Light Cameras Arrive Next Month

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Red light runners, your law breaking days are numbered. Baton Rouge and Baker City officials hoped to have traffic cameras and speed vans in place this month. Now, it's looking more like those safety measures will go into effect next month.

Plans originally called for the cameras to be up by now, but Ingolf Partenheimer says traffic engineers are waiting on permits for certain intersections from DOTD. By this time next month -- run through the light, and you'll get a one hundred dollar surprise in your mailbox.



"Cameras roll 24/7," says Ingolf Partenheimer, "so what happens is those that violate it [the law], the cameras will know in advance and be able to take the picture and those who stop won't get the ticket."

The good news, if the camera catches you it's just a civil offense, so the fines are cheaper.

"[We'll give] about a two week warning to let the public know what locations will be operative," says Partenheimer, "and then we're going to go ahead with the tickets."

Once the cameras are up, you get no warnings, just the ticket. In Baker officials have devised a slightly different plan for handling speeders. They are waiting to put up similar traffic cameras, but, they are also getting a speed van.

"It's one of those trailers you setup that says speed limit is 25 , your speed and it flashes, " says Baker Police Chief Mike Knapps. "If you see that in your area, you can be well prepared to see a van follow shortly behind you."

That's starting January 31st, and they're giving drivers a 30 day warning period. Of course the bad news, if you don't pay your ticket, well let's just say your credit rating is going to hurt.

Zachary police say they are also looking at putting up traffic cameras. Remember, it's the owner of the car who gets the ticket, but if it's not you driving, you can get an affidavit and pass the ticket along.

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