

## ALTUMINT AUTOMATED TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT: FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### How do speed cameras work?

The automated speed cameras measure the speed of each passing vehicle. A series of video images and photographs are recorded to document vehicles traveling at or above a determined speed threshold. The date, time, and location of the violation, as well as the speed and license plate of the violator's vehicle are recorded. Following the proper identification of the registered owner of the vehicle using the license plate number, the registered owner is mailed a citation, which includes the violation photos and the vehicle speed.

### How is the speed determined?

For speed enforcement, a speed measuring device, LIDAR or RADAR, is aimed across the road and determines the speed of the vehicles that pass through it. If the detected speed is higher than the established speed threshold set by the jurisdiction, required images are captured and recorded. A data bar is embedded on the image that captures the event time, date, location, speed and camera identification.

### FOR REGISTERED OWNER LIABLE ENFORCEMENT SYSTEMS:

Two images of the rear of the vehicle showing progression are captured and recorded.

### FOR DRIVER LIABLE ENFORCEMENT SYSTEMS:

Two images of the rear of the vehicle are recorded, as well as an image of the front of the vehicle. This front image of the vehicle is used by the Police Department to identify the driver of the vehicle through DMV state driver's license photos.

### How can accuracy be guaranteed?

The enforcement system undergoes a thorough self-check daily, that will repeat upon failure. The results of the testing are recorded in the system. The cameras will only enforce if everything is working properly and will shut down in the event an error occurs. An annual calibration certification for all speed equipment is conducted by an independent third party and certificates are available for evidentiary purposes.

After the event is recorded, it is transferred into a back-office system where the encrypted information is reviewed by the City's vendor for initial processing, followed by a final approval to issue by the issuing authority.

### How are violator images captured?

As described above, each of our enforcement systems, whether RADAR or LIDAR activate image recording or capture when a vehicle is above a speed threshold or enters an intersection during the active red-light phase of a traffic signal. These images are only recorded if the system detects a violation.

### How is the data transferred to ensure no manipulation of data has occurred?

The City's vendor's systems use Secure File Transfer Protocol or (SFTP) to send violation event information to our secure servers.

### How is the violator information found?

A registered owner's information is obtained through a secure file transfer process from NLETS and/or the Department of Motor Vehicles and the database record is appended with the driver's information.

### How often are the measuring devices calibrated and tested?

Calibration is verified daily and recorded. The form is stored and available in the system. If the calibration is not verified for the day, the system will not record any events until the issue has been resolved. The radars are calibrated and certified annually by an independent third-party. The City's vendor speed enforcement devices are calibrated by an independent or third-party calibration lab to ensure accuracy.

### What does the citation look like?

The citation includes the Location, Date, Time, Posted Speed, Speed Captured, and Citation Number.



**CITY OF POSTVILLE**  
**NOTICE OF LIABILITY**

You may view full images and pay online at:  
[www.OnlineCitationPayment.com](http://www.OnlineCitationPayment.com)  
Citation Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Pin Number: \_\_\_\_\_

To:  
Please take notice that the vehicle described and pictured herein was detected and recorded by a speed monitoring system as being in violation of Chapter 63A of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Postville, Iowa. The pictured vehicle was traveling at the speed listed below at the place, date, and time specified. Therefore as the registered owner of this vehicle you are liable for the violation. Unless you elect an administrative hearing, a civil penalty in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_ must be paid by the due date shown on this notice. This citation is not considered a moving violation.

**PAYMENT OF THE PENALTY AMOUNT FOR THE VIOLATION WILL NOT RESULT IN POINTS AND CANNOT BE USED TO INCREASE YOUR INSURANCE RATES.**

The recorded images are evidence of a violation of the above cited law prohibiting exceeding the maximum posted speed limit.

<b>DATE AND TIME OF VIOLATION</b>	<b>LOCATION OF VIOLATION</b>	<b>VEHICLE TAG</b>
<b>POSTED SPEED</b>	<b>VEHICLE SPEED</b>	<b>ISSUE DATE</b>
<b>CITATION NUMBER</b>	<b>AMOUNT DUE</b>	

**CERTIFICATE**

Based upon my review and inspection of the recorded images, I state that a violation of Chapter 63A of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Postville, Iowa did occur. The recorded images are prima facie evidence of the violation of Chapter 63A of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Postville, Iowa. I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Iowa that the foregoing is true and correct.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Badge #: \_\_\_\_\_

----- Detach coupon here and return -----

Citation Number: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Due Date</b>	<b>Amount Due</b>
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All payments and correspondence should be mailed to the address below.

City of Postville  
PO Box 713342  
Chicago, IL 60677-1378

NAME & ADDRESS OF REGISTERED OWNER

- TO PAY THIS NOTICE: (Do not send cash.)**
1. Mail a check or money order for \_\_\_\_\_ made payable to the City of Postville, along with this coupon.
  2. Pay Online at: [www.OnlineCitationPayment.com](http://www.OnlineCitationPayment.com)
  3. Pay by Phone: (866) 851-1650 / TTY dial 711

**How does a citizen contest a ticket?**

The following instructions are included on the citation to explain the three ways to contest a ticket:

1. **COURT HEARING:** If you wish to contest this violation in court, you must sign the coupon below and mail it to: CITY OF POSTVILLE, 147 N. Lawler St, Postville, IA 52162, to confirm your court hearing. Your case will be administratively reviewed, and you will be notified, in writing, of the location, date and time of your court hearing. A person who is found liable for a violation after the court hearing shall pay the penalty within 30 days of the determination of liability.
2. **AFFIDAVIT OF NON-LIABILITY:** If the motor vehicle or the license plate captured by the speed monitoring system recorded image was sold or stolen prior to the violation date, or if there is a DMV registration error, or if the offense was ticketed by the Police Department, or you were not the operator/driver of the vehicle on that date, time and location which the violation occurred, the owner may submit information to that effect by filling out an Affidavit of Non-Liability and mailing it prior to the Payment Due Date on the front of this
- 3.

Notice. Send your Affidavit of Non-Liability, the required supporting documentation, and a copy of this Notice of Violation to the City of Postville, 147 N. Lawler St, Postville, IA 52162





. The Affidavit of Non-Liability form can be downloaded at [www.onlinecitationpayment.com](http://www.onlinecitationpayment.com). You will need your Summons # and PIN printed on the front of this Notice.

**AFFIDAVIT OF NON-OPERATION (Rental and Leasing Companies ONLY):** \_\_\_\_\_ State Code (ENTER APPLICABLE STATE CODE): Provides the notified owner of a vehicle who was not the driver, the ability to file an Affidavit of Non-Operation, by regular mail affirming he/she was not the operator of the vehicle at the time of the alleged violation. The Affidavit of Non-Operation form can be downloaded at [www.onlinecitationpayment.com](http://www.onlinecitationpayment.com). You will need your Summons # and PIN printed on the front of this Notice. Your Affidavit of Non-Operation must be received prior to the Payment Due Date on the front of this Notice. Send your Affidavit of Non-Operation, the required supporting documentation, and a copy of this Notice of Violation to the CITY OF POSTVILLE, 147 N. Lawler St, Postville, IA 52162

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#### How does a citizen pay the fine?

The following instructions are included on the citation to explain the three ways to pay the fine:

1. **ONLINE PAYMENT:** The fastest and easiest way to pay your summons is to pay online. Go to [www.onlinecitationpayment.com](http://www.onlinecitationpayment.com) and log on with your Summons and PIN shown on the front of this notice. Click the Pay button. There may be a convenience fee / service fee for this service.
2. **PAYMENT BY PHONE:** Call (866) 271-1171, 8AM – 5PM EST Monday-Friday. There may be a convenience / service fee for this service.
3. **PAYMENT BY MAIL:** Mail your check or money order (payable to the CITY OF POSTVILLE) with the coupon printed at the bottom of the front side of this notice. DO NOT MAIL CASH. Be sure to put the Summons # (see front) on the face of your payment.

#### Are automated speeding citations legal?

Yes, automated speeding citations are legal. Please view CITY OF POSTVILLE legislation and ordinance [HERE](#)

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