

## Tigard Police Department Media Release

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## Photo Traffic Enforcement is Live at SW 72nd Ave and Pacific Hwy

Photo traffic enforcement for red-light violations is now live at a second intersection in Tigard: SW 72nd Avenue and Pacific Highway (99W). Warning letters will be mailed to motorists violating redlight traffic laws at this intersection for the next 30 days. After the warning period concludes, citations will be issued for violations starting February 26, 2020.

This is one of three intersections along Pacific Highway (99W) where the City of Tigard is installing camera enforcement equipment to make intersections safer for motorists, pedestrians, and bicyclists. These intersections were chosen based on a number of criteria, including violations and crashes. The status of the other two intersections are as follows:

- SW Pacific Highway and Hall Boulevard went live on January 10, 2020. Motorists will receive citations for red-light violations starting February 11, 2020.
- SW Pacific Highway and Durham Rd equipment has been installed. The go-live date is unknown due to some technical issues unrelated to the photo enforcement equipment or installation.

Photo traffic enforcement generates high-resolution photos and videos of an incident that Tigard Police Officers will review to confirm that a red-light violation has occurred. Citations mailed to motorists will include photos and a link to video footage for the recipient to review. The citation amount for these violations is \$265.

The equipment at these intersections has the capability to monitor speeding violations, which will considered in the near future.

Traffic safety is a priority for the City of Tigard. Running red lights has been identified as the leading cause of urban crashes according to the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety. Currently, there are not enough police officers to enforce red-light violations at every dangerous intersection in the city. Tigard expects to see significant reductions in red-light violations similar to the experiences of neighboring jurisdictions using this technology.

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