

Agenda Memorandum - *City of Inverness*

November 4, 2025

TO: Elected Officials
FROM: Eric Williams, City Manager
SUBJECT: School Zone Photo Enforcement Program
CC: Susan Jackson, City Clerk
Enclosures: 1. City of Inverness PPT Speed CAMS

Previously, the Council received a presentation and gave consideration to the concept of red light camera enforcement within certain intersections of the City. From much discussion, there was not a consensus to pursue the concept further. However, as part of that discussion there was a mention of a similar enforcement concept/approach for school zones within the City.

The Florida Legislature, by the way of HB 657 (2023), provides municipalities with an ability to enforce speed regulations in designated School Zones by way of photo/camera detection systems. The Sheriff and City Administration have discussed the concept and the differentials between a red light type program and a school zone program. This evening, representatives are here from the Citrus County Sheriff's Office to present the concept for potential next step consideration by the Council.

For the program to move forward, the next step would be the drafting of an enabling/controlling ordinance in concert with an interlocal agreement with the Sheriff. It is recommended that Council receive the presentation and deliberate the matter. Should Council desire to take the aforementioned next steps, a vote to give direction to the City Manager to proceed would be required.

Recommended Action –

1. Motion and second to give the City Manager direction to proceed with the presented next steps to develop an enabling/controlling ordinance in concert with an interlocal agreement with the Sheriff to be presented for consideration at a future meeting of Council.
2. Deliberate the matter
3. Vote on the matter

If you wish to discuss this further, please contact me at your convenience.

Eric C. Williams

CITRUS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE



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Speed Detection Systems School Zones

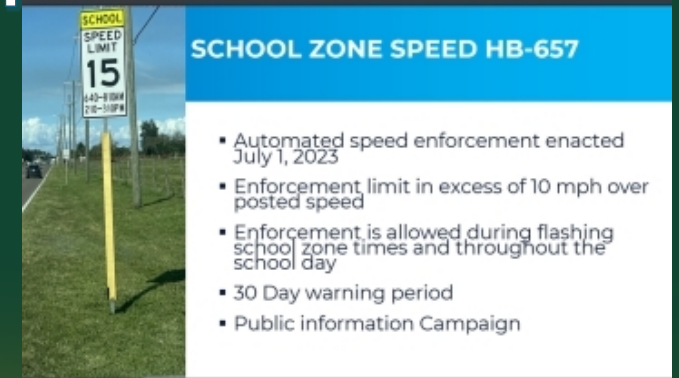


CS/CS/HB 657
July 01, 2023



Bill summary analysis

- Bill allows for counties and municipalities to use speed detection systems to enforce speed limits in school zones.
- Requires an ordinance to be adopted by county and/or city.
- Violations are for 10 mph over the posted limit.
- \$100.00 penalty for violation.
 - No points and no insurance impacts.



Process Overview

- Ordinance / Public Hearing
- Vendor contract
- Initial Public Awareness Campaign
- Signage installed with time periods of enforcement
- 30-day warning(s) campaign



Notice of Violation

After the 30-day warning campaign concludes

- If a violation occurs, it is reviewed first through the vendor's processes, then forwarded for a second review by law enforcement.
- If it is clear violation after reviewing video and still photo's, a Notice of Violation will be sent to the registered owner for payment.
- Processes exist to forward / contest / or request dismissal.



\$100.00 Fine Breakdown

- \$20.00 Department of Revenue (DOR) – General Fund
- \$3.00 DOR – Criminal Justice Training Trust Fund
- \$12.00 County School District
- \$5.00 School Crossing Guard Program (Recruit/Retention)
- \$60.00 County/City

Each of these distributions are limited in use and require reporting



Closing

- Failing to pay the \$100.00 fine could result in the violation turning into a uniform traffic citation.
- No cost , violator funded.
- Goal is safety and gaining compliance.
- Success rates average 75% and better in reduction of violations within first year.



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ABOUT SCHOOL ZONE CAMERAS

Citations will only be issued when a vehicle travels within a work zone more than 10 miles per hour over the posted speed limit.

The cameras actively enforce the speed limit on school days when classes are in session. Enforcement begins one hour before the start of school until one hour after dismissal.

All speed limits are marked with signs. Flashing lights near a school zone are an indicator of the reduced speed limit. Photo speed enforcement signage will be present in school zones with cameras.

Citations will be \$100.



Questions ?



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