



Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What are my rights as a motorist, vehicle owner, or entity upon receiving a civil violation?

A: All laws are fully outlined in the adopted Codified Ordinances of the Village of East Canton and within the Ohio Revised Code.

Q: Did the Ohio Supreme Court outlaw traffic cameras in 2022?

A: No, the Ohio Supreme Court ruled how traffic camera violations are adjudicated in court and how they impact local government funding. Traffic cameras are a legal method of enforcing traffic regulations in Ohio and the Ohio Supreme Court has upheld this in at least four rulings over the past 20 years.

Q: I thought photo enforcement was no longer allowed to be used, is this true?

A: No. A few cities have decided not to use photo enforcement. This is a community-by-community decision. This does not apply to East Canton.

Q: Does photo enforcement of traffic laws violate my Constitutional rights?

A: No, the Ohio Supreme Court stated photo enforcement does not violate any person's Constitutional rights.

Q: Does a police officer have to be present at the traffic cameras?

A: No, effective July 26, 2017, the Ohio Supreme Court ruled that an officer need not be present.

Q: Can I contest, also known as appeal, the citation that was filed against me?

A: Yes. To contest a photo enforcement citation please visit the Municipal Court website once our program is up and running.

Q: Although the vehicle is registered to me, I was not driving. Can I transfer liability of the citation?

A: Yes, transfer of liability can be made by completing the Transfer of Liability Affidavit included with your citation.

Q: If I receive a citation, do I actually have to pay it?

A: Yes, Ohio law permits the use of both automated and manually operated photo enforcement for the issuance of fines for violations of the law. You are legally obligated to pay it or contest the citation using one of the methods outlined on the citation.

Q: Is it true that if I don't pay my fine, there is nothing they can do about it?

A: No, this is not true. It is one of those persistent internet myths. Failure to pay may result in assigning your citation to a collection agency. The agency has the right and does periodically file for judgment entries in municipal court. If this is done, this will affect your credit report and provides the collection agency with the right to potentially garnish your income. This process will negatively impact your credit.