

# PHOTO RADAR

**Q:** *Why do we need photo radar?*

**A:** The number one traffic complaint among neighborhood residents is speeding. Why are residents so concerned? Because speeding cars threaten the safety of our children and compromise the livability of our neighborhoods.

**Q:** *What is photo radar?*

**A:** Photo radar is simply another way to enforce speed laws. It is operated from a marked police van by a trained Police Officer. Photo radar combines a camera, radar and a reader board that displays the speed of each passing vehicle. If a speeding car is detected, a picture is taken of the driver and license plate. The registered owner of the speeding vehicle then receives a ticket in the mail. The camera can take two photos every second. Cars traveling with the flow of traffic are not singled out.

**Q:** *Where will photo radar be used?*

**A:** By law, photo radar can be used on any street or roadway within the City that has a demonstrated history of the negative impact of speeding.

**Q:** *What do I do if I get a ticket?*

**A:** A photo radar ticket is not different from any other speeding ticket. You can pay the fine or appear in court. Your options are listed in the letter you receive with your photo radar citation. Your options are also listed on the back of your citation.

**Q:** *What if I was not driving my car?*

**A:** If you are the registered owner of the car, and someone else was driving your car, you are required to complete the *Certificate of Innocence* and mail it along with a legible photocopy of the front and back of your driver's license in the envelope provided. The ticket will be dismissed if all required information

is provided on the *Certificate of Innocence*. However, if the driver's license photo matches the violation photo, the citation will be re-issued.

**Q:** *What if the citation is issued to my business or public agency?*

**A:** Oregon Law authorizes the citation issued to your business or public agency to be dismissed if you complete the *Affidavit of Non-Liability* identifying the driver.

**Q:** *Is this just another way for the Government to make money?*

**A:** No. All of the money received from the tickets is used to pay for the Photo Radar Program.

**Q:** *If I have a question about speeding or photo radar, who do I call?*

**A:** Photo Radar questions will be answered by calling 503-221-0415 or 1-800-799-7082.

**Q:** *What if I have questions regarding my court date and/or payments?*

**A:** Read the back of the citation, and then if you still have questions, call the Circuit Court:  
Portland 503-988-3235  
Gresham 503-988-3199  
Then dial zero (0) for the operator.

**Q:** *How can I view larger versions of the photos?*

**A:** The color photo on your letter is a digital reproduction of the color photo taken of your vehicle. To view the photographs in larger format, please visit the following website: <http://www.public.cite-web.com> and enter the citation number and PIN provided in the letter.