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Scottsdale speed cameras back in effect

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SCOTTSDALE, AZ (3TV/CBS 5) - Since March of this year, Scottsdale's speed cameras have been turned off but will be back up and running on Friday.

State Attorney General Mark Brnovich ordered photo enforcement contractors in Arizona to get a private investigator's license.

Scottsdale is contracted with a company called American Traffic Solutions. The city operates 18 fixed cameras at intersections along with two portable towers and two vans.

[READ MORE: Photo enforcement in Scottsdale to resume on Friday]

The fines can get pretty hefty. If you run a red light, it can cost you as much as \$258 or you could pay a fee and attend a defensive driving course.

Legal analyst James Goodnow, a lawyer with Fennemore Craig Attorneys, says the cameras are a big revenue generator for the city.

"The cameras are really good for the city in terms of revenue. It's a big revenue generator for the city and also many will say these cameras will help keep the motoring public safe so when you have these cameras people will slow down. There's a deterrent effect and it keeps the roadway safer," Goodnow said.

The City of Scottsdale has had a photo enforcement program since 1996.

You can learn more about the Scottsdale photo enforcement program, including locations of the fixed cameras and photo enforcement vans, by going to their website.

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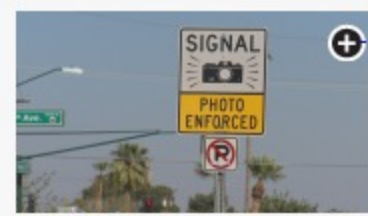
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Jeffrey Novick · Arizona State University Well then every single photo enforcement ticket they investigated should be dismissed along with damages to those who had been issued tickets and paid fines or had their insurance increased.

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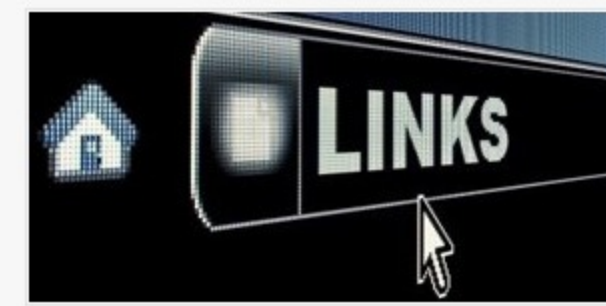


Scottsdale's photo enforcement program is scheduled to return on Friday. (Source: KPHO/KTVK)



Photo enforcement cameras are big money-makers for cities but also keeps roads safe. (Source: KPHO/KTVK)

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