

Red Light Cameras in Collier County: Citizens Assessment of Need and Effectiveness

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The Collier County Commission has passed an ordinance (8-22) allowing for the installation of red light cameras at Collier County intersections for the purpose of traffic enforcement. Red light cameras have already been installed in many other jurisdictions nationwide. The reason for installation varies from enforcement and crash reduction strategy to cost savings on enforcement techniques. The studies produced to look at the effectiveness of the cameras vary widely in their assessments as do the many articles written about the subject. This study surveyed Collier County citizens about their views on the necessity, effectiveness, reliability, and trustworthiness of red light camera systems prior to their installation.