

# PHOTO ENFORCEMENT IN BEAVERTON

Every city benefits from safe and inviting streets and Beaverton is no exception. Whether walking, biking or driving, sharing the road is what we're all about.



## Red Lights

**Red Means Stop.** Stop at stop signs and obey red lights, just like all other road users. In Oregon, a steady yellow light indicates the driver's right of way is terminating and they shall stop if it's safe to do so. (ORS 811.260)

**Right Turns.** Before making a right turn at a red light, a driver must come to a complete stop. Failure to do so may result in a citation for failing to obey a traffic control device or improper turn at a stop light. (ORS 811.265 or 811.360)

**Keep clear of crosswalks/intersections.** Increase safety by staying completely clear of crosswalks/ intersections while stopped or coming to a stop at a red light. Remaining in an intersection can be very dangerous in regards to cross traffic travel and it increases traffic congestion. A driver stopped within an intersection could be issued a citation for obstructing cross traffic. (ORS 811.290)

**People on foot have the right of way.** In the crosswalk or at an unmarked intersection, cyclists and motorists are required to stop for pedestrians (ORS 811.028).

**Communication is key.** Turn and hand signals help other road users know where you're headed. Signal when you are able, but don't sacrifice safety when two hands are needed to operate the vehicle (ORS 814.440) Signaling your turns well in advance helps all road users know where you're going. (ORS 811.400) Oregon law requires a signal at least 100 feet before your turn. (ORS 811.335)



## Speeding

**Braking Distance.** A vehicle's braking distance does not increase at the same rate as the vehicle's speed. Increasing speed by 40% will double your vehicle's braking distance. Doubling your vehicle's speed will quadruple its braking distance.

**Intersections with Speed Monitoring.** The City of Beaverton has equipped four intersections with photo-enforcement for red lights and intersection speed. The intersections are: SW Beaverton Hillsdale Highway and SW Griffith Dr, SW Allen Blvd and SW Lombard Ave, SW Walker RD and SW Cedar Hills Blvd, and SW Hall Blvd and SW Scholls Ferry Rd.

**Photo Radar Vans.** Beaverton Photo Radar vans also monitor areas where speed violations occur. The state of the art vans are deployed in areas based on complaints, community member/neighborhood requests, traffic flow/crash data, and Officer input.



## How it Works

When the equipment detects a vehicle traveling faster than the posted speed limit, or entering the intersection after the signal turns red, images of the vehicle, driver, and license plate will be downloaded, screened by our vendor, and, after an officer verifies a violation, a citation will be mailed.

