

**SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED RULES  
GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
CHAPTER 672-20 PERMITTING AUTOMATED TRAFFIC  
ENFORCEMENT SAFETY DEVICES**

Chapter 672-20 of the Georgia Department of Transportation's Rules are new rules which establish the policies and general procedures for permitting automated traffic enforcement safety devices in school zones. The rules generally establish the process for obtaining a permit and the permittee duties once a permit is granted. Below is a synopsis of the proposed rules.

**672-20-.01 Purpose of Rules.** School Zones give drivers and schoolchildren more time to recognize, react and avoid crashes. It is therefore anticipated that the use of Automated Traffic Enforcement Safety Devices in school zones will increase safety throughout Georgia's School Zones.

**672-20-.02 Definitions.** Adopts the definitions from the statute and also clarifies that a permit applicant for any public school is the school system housing the school that requests a permit for the device.

**672-20-.03 Permit Requirements.** Establishes information and documentation that must be submitted with the Department's permit form, including but not limited to the following: the identification of the desired location for the device; traffic data indicating the number and speed of vehicles at the desired location; a list of all schools within the School Zone; proof that all required permissions, permits & property rights necessary for the installation, maintenance & operation have been obtained; and written approval from appropriate law enforcement agency.

**672-20-.04 Review by the Department and Determination of Need.** Establishes that the decision of whether to approve or deny a permit will be at the discretion of the State Traffic Engineer, that a permit will only be considered for those areas where a School Zone is already named on the Master State Order or List of Roads and that the Applicant must conduct an Engineering and Traffic Investigation for devices along any On-System Route.

**672-20-.05 Permit Holder Requirements.** Establishes duties of the permittee including but not limited to the following: maintaining and making available to the Department all calibration tests and performance logs as required in O.C.G.A. § 40-14-5 for 3 years; being responsible for the operation and maintenance of the device; ensuring that all maintenance work is coordinated with the appropriate District Traffic Engineer; and ensuring the maintenance of all School Zone Signage including School Zone Flashers.

**672-50-.06 Changes to and Cancellation of the Automated Traffic Enforcement Safety Device Permit.** Establishes that the Department can change the location of device either temporarily or permanently in response to active or proposed construction projects, including Department projects. Establishes reasons that the Department may cancel a permit including but not limited to the following: the subject school relocates; the subject School Zone is changed or removed; DPS revokes the local government's permit to use speed detection devices; DPS permit expires and is not renewed; the permittee does not maintain the device; or the permittee fails to meet or follow any requirements of the permit or any other Department rules, policies or guidelines.