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## Aventura intersections may soon get cameras

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Aventura drivers will have to keep an extra-close eye on those red lights starting as early as May, when cameras designed to catch red-light runners will go up at the city's busiest intersections.

New details about the cameras, including location and fine costs, were revealed Tuesday night at the City Commission's meeting, where a contract with American Traffic Solutions, the company that will provide the service, was approved.

"I'm quite thrilled with it," said Commissioner Bob Diamond, who said he began pushing for the cameras about four years ago. "People will be more aware of running a red light, and they'll be more careful."

Fines will be \$125 per violation, and will not increase for multiple infractions. American Traffic Solutions, based in Scottsdale, Ariz., will receive anywhere from \$47.50 to \$17.50 per violation, depending on how many fines are handed out every month.

The first three locations will be along Biscayne Boulevard, at the intersections of 178th, 191st and 199th streets. Soon after will come Miami Gardens Drive at Biscayne Boulevard, West Country Club Drive at the Lehman Causeway and West Country Club Drive at 199th Street.

"Based on police reports, that's where most violations exist," City Manager Eric Soroka said.

There will be a 90-day grace period when the cameras start functioning; drivers will only receive warnings during that time.

The city will now start looking for the best place for the cameras at each intersection. The first three cameras should be running within 90 days, Soroka said.

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