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## Traffic cameras ready for test run

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***It sees you if you're sleeping; it sees you when you brake, so don't run a red light, for goodness sake.***

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The Pueblo police and traffic departments are preparing a test run of the city's new red light cameras.

But the City Council first must change its ordinance regarding the cameras to allow the police to enforce the law on any red light runner caught in the intersection.

Police Chief Jim Billings said the current ordinance allows for a half-second grace period between the time the light turns red and the camera snaps its picture.

Billings said the change is being proposed to provide consistency in the city's ordinances. Technically, drivers should be slowing down when the light turns yellow so there was no justifiable need for the delay anyway, Billings said. Council is set to give initial approval to the change at its meeting on Monday and scheduled to vote on final approval Dec. 22.

Once council acts on the ordinance Monday, the city will begin testing the cameras on a portion of the U.S. 50 Bypass.

Billings said he believed the city would start with the intersections at Hudson and Norwood.

The city was considering installing the cameras at other locations along U.S. 50 West, but Billings said the Colorado Department of Transportation initially is trying some other measure to curb the problem.

He said CDOT asked the city to hold off installing the cameras to get a better picture on whether the other measures have any effect on the problem.