

# QC starts dry run of no-contact traffic violation apprehension system

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THE QUEZON CITY government launched on Monday its no-contact apprehension system for road violations, but no penalties will be imposed yet during the dry run for the first 30 days.

“Road safety is our priority in Quezon City and with the launch of NCAP (No Contact Apprehension Program), we commit to putting the safety of our constituents first and ensure also the safety of motorists passing through the city by strictly enforcing local traffic rules and regulations at all times,” Mayor Maria Josefina “Joy” G. Belmonte said in a statement.

After the test run, violators will be fined P2,000 for the first offense, P3,000 – P4,000 for the second offense, and P5,000 for the third offense depending on the type of violation. The NCAP will use cameras “with artificial intelligence technology to capture, photograph, and record the conduction stickers and plate numbers of vehicles in violation of traffic rules and regulations,” the local government said.

A notice of violation will be sent to the car owner’s address within 14 days from the infraction date and payment of the fine will have to be made within 30 days.

“This is very timely during the pandemic also because it will lessen the face-to-face interaction between traffic enforcers and motorists and will therefore decrease the risk of viral transmission. Mawawala na din yung pakiusapan at ayusan (We will also eliminate potential bribery) with traffic enforcers and all motorists shall be encouraged to follow all traffic rules and regulations,” said Elmo San Diego, the city’s Department of Public Order and Safety head.

A no-contact system is also being implemented by the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority, which mainly covers major thoroughfares in the capital region such as EDSA. —