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All Red-Light Camera Citations Issued by American Traffic Solutions (ATS) in North Carolina are Illegal

American Traffic Solution Practicing Engineering without a License

On November 29, 2018, the North Carolina Board of Examiners for Engineers and Land Surveyors (NCBELS) ruled that ATS has been and is practicing engineering without a license. NCBELS' [ruling](#) enumerates the statutes that ATS, as a firm, has been violating. ATS has been violating these statutes since 2009 when it first installed its cameras in Wilmington.

Since 2009, American Traffic Solutions has installed its cameras in Greenville, Fayetteville and Wilmington. ATS produced engineering plans to install red-light cameras for specific intersections in these cities, but these plans are illegal because ATS has no authority to produce engineering plans.

ATS Citations for All Time in North Carolina have been and still are Illegal

Because the engineering plans are illegal, so are the installations of the cameras. [NCGS 153A-357\(a1\)](#) forbids the construction of any structure depicted on plans that have not been certified by a licensed professional engineer.

A certification includes the professional engineer's seal, signature and date. A certification must appear on every sheet of every plan. A certification means that a professional engineer has taken personal responsibility for the plan including liability for bad outcomes. Without certification, there is no accountability. Accountability is the cornerstone of licensed professions.

[21 NCAC 56.1103\(a\)\(6\)](#) requires that the firm's license number must be on each sheet of the plan. ATS is the only firm name on the plans' sheets but no license number accompanies the name. ATS does not have a license.

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- **Fayetteville:** No plan is certified. ATS is the only name on the plans. ATS refused to disclose the plans which is a violation of the North Carolina Public Records Act ([NCGS 132](#)).
 - **Greenville:** Greenville's plans appear to have certifications but Greenville redacted them—a violation of the North Carolina Public Records Act ([NCGS 132](#)). Nonetheless, according to NCBELS, the certifications are not by employees of ATS and ATS is the only name on the plans.
 - **Wilmington.** No plan is certified. ATS is the only name on the plans.