

New Rome was recently featured on ABCNews 20/20. Articles on New Rome have been in the LA Times, Car & Driver and USAToday.

Detouring New Rome

Please respect the residents on the detour routes by obeying all traffic laws.

The south detour consists of Westwoods Blvd (turn at Wendy's), Sullivant, and Norton.

If you take the north route, Stubridge (turn at National City), Beacon Hill (around Doctors West hospital), and Rome-Hilliard will allow you to bypass New Rome.



“...my [2 year old] boy was sitting in the back seat of the car with no heat, crying, terrified and soaking wet because the cops frightened him so bad that he peed his pants. And after they took my husband from the car he was alone!”

This excerpt is taken from one of the dozens of accounts regarding the New Rome Police that started with a minor traffic violation. For more, please visit our website.

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Avoiding **New Rome**



One of New Rome's two ever-present cruisers on West Broad Street.

New Rome

Old style justice in the 21st century

What is New Rome?

New Rome, Ohio is a tiny 12 acre village that lies on West Broad Street between Norton and Rome-Hilliard Road. The Mayor states that 37 people call New Rome home.

Why should it be avoided?

New Rome is a notorious traffic trap. Using their police department, they subsist by aggressively patrolling a 1000 foot stretch of West Broad Street.

So what, I don't speed.

Only about 14% of citations are for speeding. New Rome will ticket for cracked windshield, dim license plate light, or not changing your out-of-state drivers license or plates within 30 days.

New Rome collected \$377,651 in traffic fines in 2001. According to the State Auditor's office, "nearly all" of this money was put back into the police force.

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Not just a traffic trap

- More than \$100,000 of village funds have vanished in the past ten years. Old guard councilman David Tisler stated on 20/20 that he "didn't figure it is" a lot of money.
- Five clerks have been convicted of stealing citation money.
- New Rome provides virtually no services to its residents other than a bloated Police Department.
- ODOT has issued an opinion that New Rome's speed limit is illegal.
- The Ohio State Auditor's office has stated that New Rome "serves no purpose" and should be dissolved.
- New Rome only recently adopted a traffic code as required by State Law. They had been operating for years with no formal traffic laws.
- newromesucks.com founder Jim Bussey pointed out that New Rome's speed limit sign was illegally placed. New Rome fixed the sign, but

refused to drop speeding charges against Jim.

- New Rome Police was recently investigated for illegal use of the LEADS law enforcement computer system to investigate political opponents.
- New Rome Police routinely arrest people at their workplace for unpaid tickets, even seatbelt violations.



New Rome's "Trailer of Injustice"

New Rome's majority council members have appointed each other without a formal election since 1979.

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