

ORDINANCE 02-2024

Code of the Town of Bladensburg

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF
BLADENSBURG TO AMEND CHAPTER 112 “VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC. ”
BY ADOPTING §112-13, “TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL MONITORING
SYSTEMS” TO AUTHORIZE USE OF TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL
MONITORING SYSTEMS AT INTERSECTIONS TO ENFORCE COMPLIANCE**

WHEREAS, pursuant to §5-201 *et seq.* of the Local Government Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, the Town of Bladensburg (hereinafter, the “Town”) has the power to pass such ordinances as it deems necessary to protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the municipality and to prevent and remove nuisances; and

WHEREAS, §21-202.1 of the Transportation Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, as amended, authorizes the Town to operate a Traffic Control Signal Monitoring System to enforce compliance with §21-202 of the Transportation Article with respect to red light traffic signals; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have determined that it is in the public interest that the Town adopt this enforcement mechanism for increased public safety.

Section 1. NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Bladensburg, that Chapter 112, “Vehicles and Traffic,” §112-13, “Traffic Control Signal Monitoring Systems,” be and it is hereby enacted to read as follows:

CAPS	: Indicate matter added to existing law.
[Brackets]	: Indicate matter deleted from law.
Asterisks * * *	: Indicate matter remaining unchanged in existing law but not set forth in Ordinance
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[Brackets]	: Indicate matter deleted in amendment

§112-13 TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL MONITORING SYSTEMS

A. THE TOWN, THROUGH THE BLADENSBURG POLICE DEPARTMENT, IS AUTHORIZED, PURSUANT TO § 21-202.1, TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE, ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND, AS AMENDED, TO OPERATE A TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL MONITORING SYSTEM TO ENFORCE COMPLIANCE WITH § 21-202(h) OF THE SAID TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE.

B. THE TOWN COUNCIL IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO DESIGNATE BY RESOLUTION THOSE INTERSECTIONS AT WHICH TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL MONITORING SYSTEMS CONSISTENT WITH THIS SECTION WILL BE OPERATED.

C. THE MAXIMUM CIVIL FINE AUTHORIZED BY LAW WILL BE ISSUED FOR VIOLATIONS RECORDED THROUGH THE TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL MONITORING SYSTEMS.

Section 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days from the date of its adoption.

Section 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if any provision of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid for any reason, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions or any other applications of the Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or applications, and to this end, all the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

INTRODUCED by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town Bladensburg, at a regular meeting on September 9, 2024, and thereafter this Ordinance was prominently posted in the Town Hall and available for inspection by the public.

ADOPTED by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Bladensburg, Maryland, at a regular meeting on September 9, 2024.

WITNESS

TOWN OF BLADENSBURG

Regine Watson, Clerk

Takisha D. James, Mayor