

ORDINANCE 13-2025

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 §112-14, “STOP SIGN MONITORING SYSTEMS IN SCHOOL ZONES” TO AUTHORIZE USE OF STOP SIGN MONITORING CAMERAS IN SCHOOL ZONES.

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, §21-707.1 of the Transportation Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, as amended, authorizes the Town to operate a stop sign monitoring system to enforce the stop signs in school zones within the Town at sites approved by the Prince George’s County Council; 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 and to request approval from the Prince George’s County Council to install a stop sign monitoring system in school zones at various intersections within the Town’s corporate limits.

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”, §112-14, “Stop Sign Monitoring Systems in School Zones”, be and it is hereby enacted to read as follows:

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: Indicate matter added to existing law.
: Indicate matter deleted from law.
: Indicate matter remaining unchanged in existing law but not set forth in Ordinance
: Indicate matter added in amendment
: Indicate matter deleted in amendment

§112-14 STOP SIGN MONITORING SYSTEMS IN SCHOOL ZONES

A. THE TOWN, THROUGH THE BLADENSBURG POLICE DEPARTMENT, IS AUTHORIZED TO OPERATE A STOP SIGN MONITORING SYSTEM TO ENFORCE COMPLIANCE WITH STOP SIGNS IN A SCHOOL ZONE IN CONFORMANCE WITH § 21-707.1, TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE, ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND, AS AMENDED, AT LOCATIONS APPROVED BY THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL.

B. BEFORE ACTIVATING A STOP SIGN MONITORING SYSTEM, NOTICE SHALL BE PUBLISHED ON ITS WEBSITE AND IN A NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION IN THE TOWN THAT THE TOWN THROUGH THE UNIVERSITY PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT HAS ADOPTED THE USE OF STOP SIGN MONITORING SYSTEM TO ENFORCE STOP SIGNS IN SCHOOL ZONES.

C. THE TOWN COUNCIL IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO DESIGNATE SCHOOL STOP SIGN ENFORCEMENT LOCATIONS CONSISTENT WITH THIS SECTION BY RESOLUTION.

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 section, subsection, provision, sentence, clause, phrase or word of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be illegal or otherwise invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall be severable, and shall not affect or impair any remaining section, subsection, provision, sentence, clause, phrase or word included within this Ordinance, it being the intent of the

Town that the remainder of the Ordinance shall be and shall remain in full force and effect, valid and enforceable.

INTRODUCED by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town Bladensburg, at a regular meeting on April 14 2025 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 May ____, 2025.

WITNESS

TOWN OF BLADENSBURG

Regine Watson, Clerk

Takisha D. James, Mayor

First Reading: April 14, 2025

Second Reading: May 12, 2025