

TOWN OF COTTAGE CITY  
RESOLUTION 2026-16

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWN OF COTTAGE CITY, MARYLAND, AUTHORIZING A CAPITAL EXPENDITURE FOR THE ACQUISITION, PURCHASE, AND UPFITTING OF A POLICE VEHICLE TO SUPPORT THE TOWN'S AUTOMATED SPEED ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM AND RELATED TRAFFIC SAFETY OPERATIONS**

**Introduced By: The Cottage City Commission**

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioners of the Town of Cottage City operate an Automated Speed Enforcement Program pursuant to Maryland Transportation Article §21-809 and other applicable provisions of Maryland law governing speed monitoring systems and automated enforcement activities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioners find that the Courts and Judicial Proceedings Article, § 7-302 of the Maryland Code states in Subsection (e)(4)(i) that "...from the fines collected by a political subdivision as a result of violations enforced by speed monitoring systems...a political subdivision: 1. May recover the costs of implementing and administering the speed monitoring systems...and 2. ...may spend any remaining balance solely for public safety purposes, including pedestrian or highway safety programs...[and] (ii) 1. For any fiscal year, if the balance remaining from the fines collected by a political subdivision as a result of violations enforced by speed monitoring systems, after the costs of implementing and administering the systems are recovered in accordance with subparagraph (i)1 of this paragraph, is greater than 10% of the total revenues of the political subdivision for the fiscal year, the political subdivision shall remit any funds that exceed 10% of the total revenues to the Comptroller (emphasis added); and

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioners further find that it is appropriate to expend speed camera revenues which may be recovered as a direct cost of implementing and administering the speed monitoring systems as expressly permitted by Subparagraph 7-302(e)(4)(i)(1); and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Charter in Section 55 states that "...all expenditures for supplies, materials, equipment, construction of public improvements, or contractual service involving more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) shall be made on written contract [and] [t]he town manager shall advertise for bids, in such manner as may be prescribed by ordinance, for all such written contracts [and] [t]he written contracts shall be awarded to the bidder who offers the lowest or best bid, quality of goods and work, time of delivery or completion, and responsibility of bidders being considered [and] [a]ll such written contracts shall be approved by the commission before becoming effective..." [and] [f]or good cause shown, the commission may waive the requirements for bidding; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Code in Section 14-8.C.1 (Cooperative purchasing) states that "[n]otwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, the Commissioners may contract with any supplier who offers goods or services on the same terms as provided other state or local governments or agencies thereof if the Commissioners find that the cost of the items to be purchased is equal to or less than that which could be obtained by competitive procurement, or if the Commissioners find that the

other agency's competitive purchasing requirements are as strict or stricter than the Town's similar requirements; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioners of the Town of Cottage City recognize the importance of maintaining and supporting lawful traffic safety initiatives intended to reduce speeding, improve pedestrian safety, enhance school zone safety, improve roadway safety, and promote the health, safety, and welfare of the public; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cottage City Police Department has identified the operational need for the acquisition and upfitting of a dedicated police vehicle to support the administration, oversight, operational management, enforcement support, compliance activities, and field operations associated with the Town's Automated Speed Enforcement Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the requested vehicle shall serve as a dedicated operational support unit assigned primarily to personnel responsible for the administration, oversight, facilitation, and operational management of the Town's Automated Speed Enforcement Program, including program administration and oversight activities, site inspections and premise checks of active enforcement locations, verification of signage and statutory compliance requirements, coordination with contractors, technicians, and enforcement personnel, deployment support and operational monitoring activities, review support related to enforcement operations and field verification, court and evidentiary support functions, traffic safety presence and public safety visibility at enforcement corridors, transportation and deployment of enforcement-related equipment and materials, and support of overall compliance, maintenance, and operational readiness activities associated with the Town's automated enforcement and traffic safety initiatives; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioners find that the continual operational demands associated with the Town's Automated Speed Enforcement Program require a fully equipped police vehicle capable of supporting field operations, enforcement oversight, public safety visibility, and operational readiness activities; and

**WHEREAS**, the vehicle shall be fully upfitted as a marked or otherwise authorized law enforcement support vehicle equipped with emergency lighting, sirens, radio communications equipment, mobile computer systems, mobile data capability, enforcement support equipment, and all other equipment necessary to facilitate safe and effective automated enforcement operations and related police activities; and

**WHEREAS**, the acquisition and operational assignment of the vehicle directly supports lawful public safety objectives, including traffic calming, speed reduction, pedestrian protection, school zone enforcement support, and enhanced visibility within designated enforcement corridors and residential areas; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioners further find that the acquisition and operational assignment of the vehicle supports program integrity, accountability, compliance oversight, operational administration, and the lawful facilitation of automated enforcement systems utilized by the Town pursuant to Maryland law; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town has obtained a procurement quotation for a 2027 Ford Police Interceptor Utility 4x4 vehicle through Baltimore County Contract Number SCON-10001846 from Apple Ford Fleet/Government Sales in the amount of \$48,283.00 for the base vehicle purchase; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioners further find that the Baltimore County competitive purchasing requirements are as strict or stricter than the Town's similar requirements; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cottage City Police Department has identified additional costs associated with emergency equipment installation, communications equipment, police package upfitting, graphics, decals, and related operational outfitting necessary to place the vehicle into active law enforcement service, bringing the estimated total project cost to approximately \$70,000.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioners recognize that expenditures associated with the acquisition, operation, administration, oversight, and facilitation of the Automated Speed Enforcement Program constitute lawful public safety expenditures associated with the Town's Automated Speed Enforcement Program and related police department operations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioners further recognize that such expenditures may be properly accounted for within the Town's Automated Speed Enforcement expenditure reporting, including expenditures associated with the Maryland Speed Monitoring System Fund (SMS-1) reporting process and related traffic safety enforcement activities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town has collected speed camera fine revenue year-to-date in an amount approximately \$240,000.00 in excess of the amount originally budgeted for Fiscal Year 2026, and the Commissioners find it appropriate to amend the Fiscal Year 2026 budget to recognize a portion of such additional revenue and to authorize the related capital expenditure; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioners find that approval of this capital expenditure is in the best interests of the Town and necessary for the continued operation, administration, oversight, and integrity of the Town's public safety and automated enforcement initiatives.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Commissioners of the Town of Cottage City, Maryland, that the Town hereby authorizes the acquisition, purchase, and upfitting of one (1) police vehicle for the Cottage City Police Department to support the Town's Automated Speed Enforcement Program and related traffic safety operations.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town Manager and/or their designees are hereby authorized to execute any and all contracts, procurement documents, purchase orders, vendor agreements, and related documents necessary to effectuate the acquisition and upfitting of the vehicle pursuant to Baltimore County Contract Number SCON-10001846 and all applicable procurement laws and policies.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that funding for the acquisition and upfitting of the vehicle may be derived from lawful Automated Speed Enforcement Program revenues and related police operational funding sources in accordance with Maryland law and applicable reporting requirements.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the vehicle shall remain assigned primarily for automated enforcement support, traffic safety operations, and related public safety activities as determined appropriate by the Cottage City Police Department and Town administration.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Commissioners of the Town of Cottage City specifically find that the acquisition, deployment, operation, and use of the vehicle constitute direct and lawful expenditures associated with the administration, facilitation, oversight, implementation, and operational support of the Town’s Automated Speed Enforcement Program and related traffic safety activities pursuant to Maryland Transportation Article §21-809 and related statutory authority governing automated traffic enforcement programs.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, this Resolution hereby authorizes an amendment to the Town’s Fiscal Year 2026 (detailed) budget by increasing 4040-Speed Camera Revenues by \$75,000.00 and increasing 6701-Police Capital Outlays by \$75,000.00 for the acquisition, purchase, and upfitting of the police vehicle authorized herein;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Resolution shall become effective immediately and may be signed by the Cottage City Commission.

**ATTEST:**

**TOWN OF COTTAGE CITY, MARYLAND**

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John Hoatson, Town Manager

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Wanda Wheatley, Ward 3, Commissioner Chair

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Julia Salsich, Ward 1, Commissioner Secretary

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Joshua Durant, Ward 2, Commissioner

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Tom Campos, Ward 4, Commissioner Vice Chair

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John Brooks, At-Large, Commissioner

**CERTIFICATION**

I, hereby certify, as the duly appointed Town Manager of the Town of Cottage City, Maryland, that on the 10th day of June, 2026, Resolution No. 2026-16, entitled Capital Expenditure for a Police Vehicle, was duly adopted by the Cottage City Commission of the Town of Cottage City, Maryland, by a vote of \_\_\_ Aye, \_\_\_ Nay, and \_\_\_ Absent.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
John Hoatson, Town Manager