

Adopting §9-110 Stop sign monitoring
systems
Sponsored by: Councilmember Gathercole

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 24-O-08

Resolution and Ordinance of the Town of University Park to amend Chapter 9 “Traffic and Vehicles”, Article 1, “Traffic” by enacting §9-110, “Stop sign monitoring system” of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of University Park, to authorize the placement of stop sign monitoring cameras on highways in school districts.

WHEREAS, pursuant to §5-202 of the Local Government Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of University Park have the power to pass such ordinances as deemed necessary to protect the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the municipality and to prevent and remove nuisances; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to § 21-707.1, “Prince George’s County Stop Sign Monitoring Systems” of the Transportation Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, as amended, the Town may authorize operation of stop sign monitoring systems to enforce the stop signs in school zones; and

WHEREAS, the Town has experienced significant numbers of persons operating vehicles and failing to stop at the stop signs in Town, creating a public safety hazard for pedestrians and other vehicles; and

EXPLANATION:

CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law

* * Asterisks* * indicate existing law which are unchanged but not set forth in the ordinance

CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED BY AMENDMENT TO THE PROPOSED
ORDINANCE

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted by amendment to the proposed ordinance

WHEREAS, this problem is especially acute in school zones where children are walking to and from school; and

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest to authorize the use of stop sign monitoring systems to enhance traffic control enforcement in the Town in school zones.

Section 1. **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of University Park, Maryland that Chapter 9 “Vehicles and Traffic”, Article 1, “Traffic”, §9-110 "Stop sign monitoring systems", be, and is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§9-110 STOP SIGN MONITORING SYSTEM IN SCHOOL ZONES.

A. THE TOWN AND ITS POLICE DEPARTMENT ARE AUTHORIZED TO OPERATE A STOP SIGN MONITORING SYSTEM ON HIGHWAYS MAINTAINED BY THE TOWN IN SCHOOL ZONES PURSUANT TO § 21-707.1, TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE, ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND, AS AMENDED.

B. BEFORE ACTIVATING A STOP SIGN MONITORING SYSTEM, THE TOWN SHALL:

1. OBTAIN APPROVAL OF THE PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY COUNCIL FOR THE LOCATION; AND
2. PUBLISH NOTICE THAT THE TOWN HAS ADOPTED THE USE OF STOP SIGN MONITORING SYSTEMS ON ITS WEBSITE AND IN A NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION IN THE TOWN.

Section 2. Be it further resolved that this ordinance shall become effective twenty (20) days after enactment by the Mayor and Common Council of University Park. 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.

Section 3: Be it further resolved that a complete and exact copy of this proposed Ordinance shall be posted on the entrance door of the Town Building of University Park, Maryland, for a period of not less than ten (10) days, and a fair summary of this Ordinance shall be published at least once in a newspaper having general circulation in the community.

APPROVED this 5th day of November, 2024

ATTEST:

MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL
TOWN OF UNIVERSITY PARK


Alicandra Hegeman, Town Clerk

By: 
Laurie K. Morrissey, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

By: _____
Suellen M. Ferguson, Town Attorney