



CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION AGENDA

Work Session - Traffic Ordinance

This meeting will be held in-person and virtual.

**25 Crescent Road
Greenbelt, MD 20770**

OR

Virtual Participation

Zoom Webinar Attendees:

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<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82131737881?pwd=naeqfKfsa0ou3NI3ZnqTaZrZp3SSRO.1>**

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Wednesday, December 11, 2024

7:30 PM

I. Work Session Packet - Traffic Ordinance

1. Work Session - Traffic Ordinance

Suggested Action:

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- Council Discussion
- Questions and Answers
- Other Items

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[Plug in parking.pdf](#)

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2. **Special Meeting/Closed Session - City Manager's Evaluation**
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City Council Work Session Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: December 11, 2024

Submitted by: Shaniya Lashley-Mullen

Submitting Department: Administration

Item Type: Work Session Item

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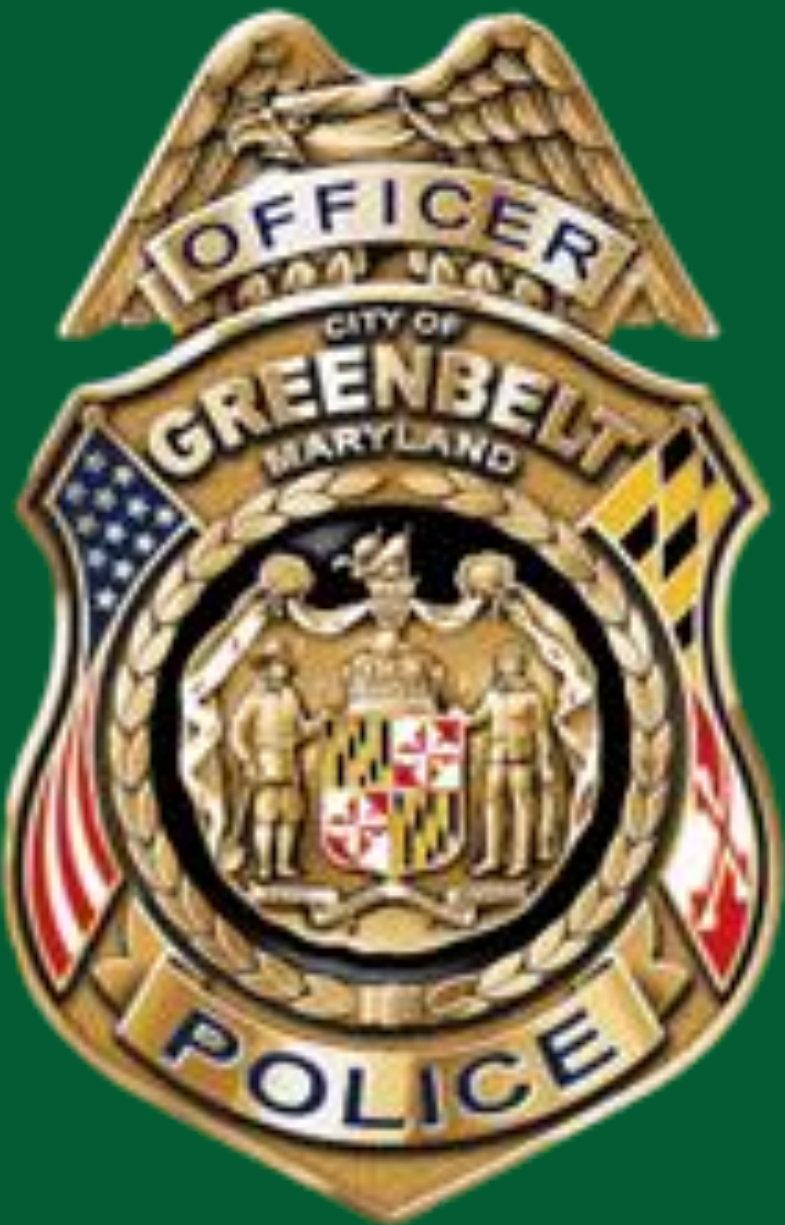
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Greenbelt Police Dept



EV Parking Ordinance

The state of Maryland enacted Maryland Code Section 21-1003.3

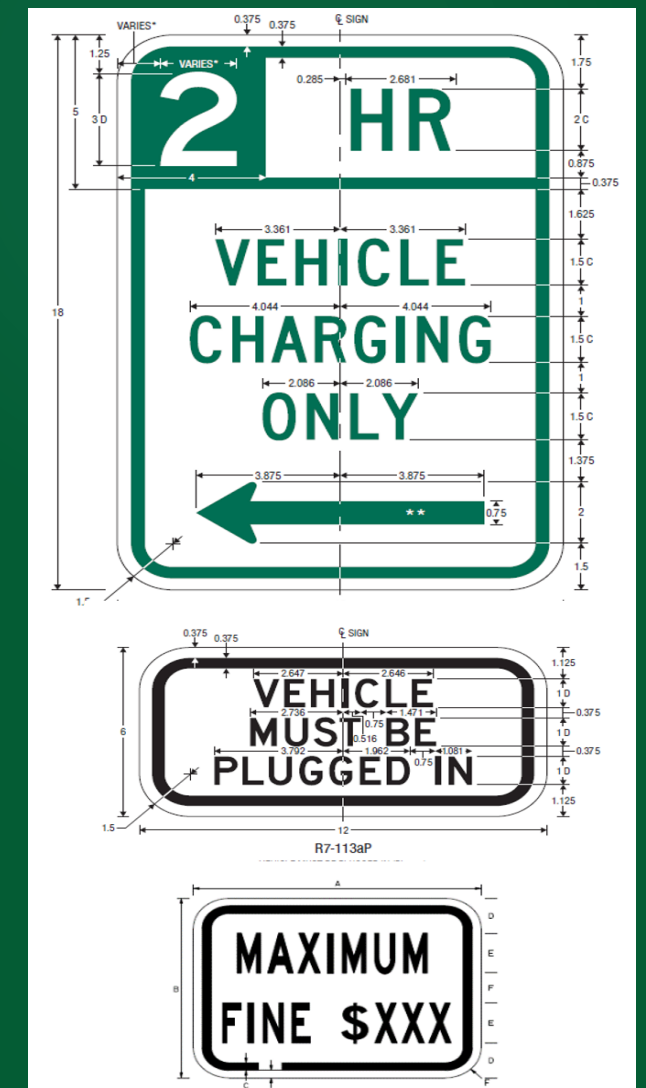
It states that unless a vehicle is plugged into charging equipment, a person may not stop, stand, or park a vehicle in a designated EV charging space. Violators are subject to a \$100 civil penalty.

This is a State Code, and violations would be issued on a state citation.

The City could enact an ordinance with similar language.

This would allow city parking enforcement to issue violations.

[Stop Sign \ Plug in parking.pdf](#)



Speed Monitoring systems

- ▶ The city program currently operates under the law's school zone provisions. Monday through Friday from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- ▶ Several sites have a low volume of violations.
- ▶ The current contract expires in 2025; cost increases are expected.
- ▶ **Options-** Remove low violation cameras, modify the program to a residential program, and extend the time the cameras are active.

Location	YTD 2024	2023	2022
300 Crescent Rd	706	970	645
5900 Cherrywood La N/B	2351	4230	2768
5900 Cherrywood Lane S/B	1721	2795	1896
7700 Hanover Parkway E/B	675	622	533
7700 Mandan Road N/B	1623	2532	1600
7700 Blk MD 193 E/B	335	770	2191
7700 Blk MD 193 W/B	1820	2856	2284
Total	9,231	14,775	11,917

Automated Stop Sign Enforcement

Maryland Transportation Article 21-707.1 was changed in 2024 to allow a Stop Sign Monitoring System only in Prince Georges County.

Key Points

Must be in a School Zone

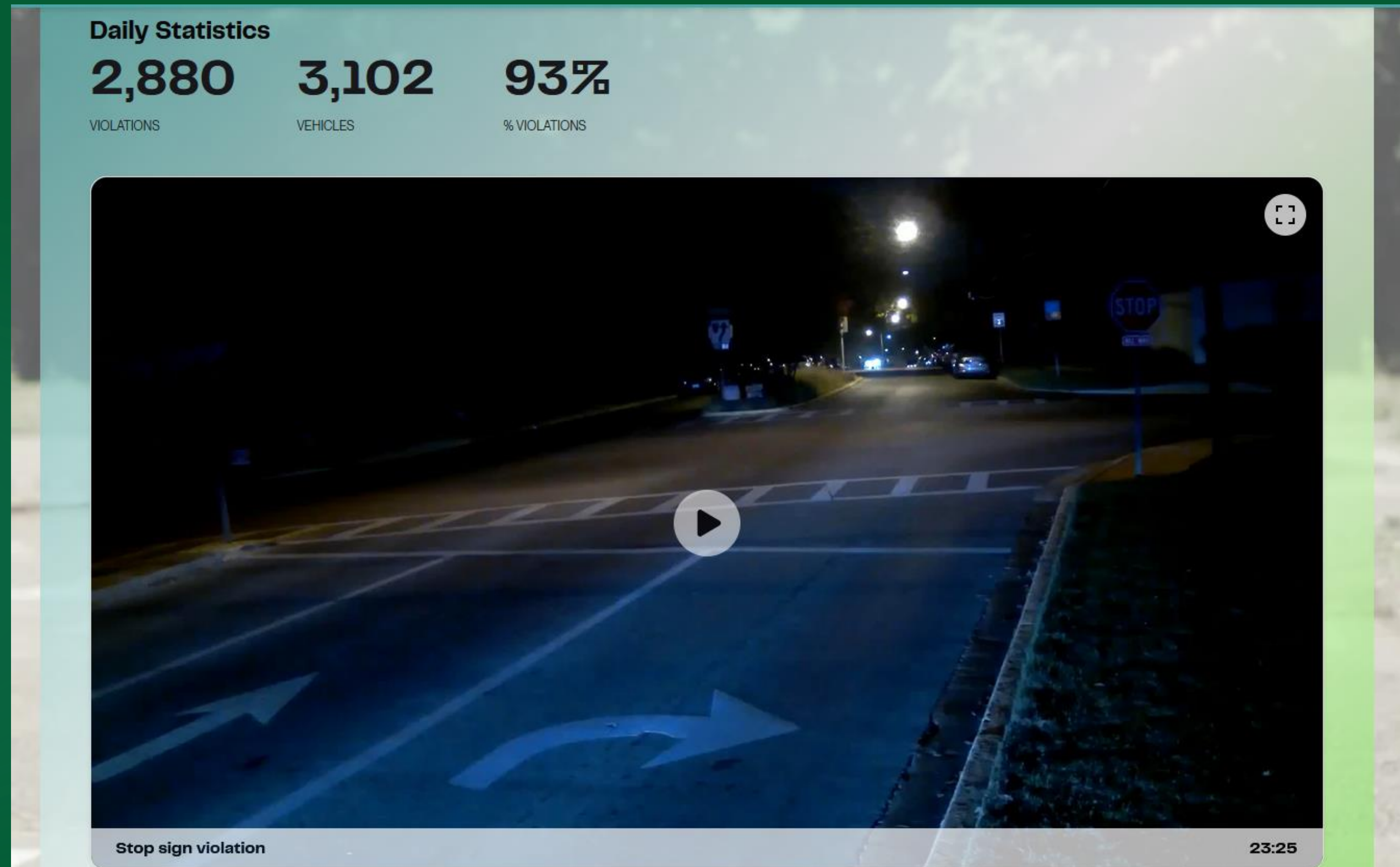
Civil Penalty of \$40 to vehicle owner

Locations must be approved by the County Council.

Location	Vehicles Per Day	Violations	Percentage
Southway at Ridge	3102	2880	93%
Cherrywood Ln at Breezewood	910	774	85%
Research Rd at Ridge	398	252	63%
Ridge Rd at Laurel Hill Rd	495	353	71%
Springhill Dr at Edmonston Dr	894	783	88%

Study Findings

Dashboard



Draft Ordinances

- ▶ School Zone
- ▶ [Stop Sign\School Zone Draft.pdf](#)
- ▶ Stop Sign Resolution
- ▶ [Stop Sign\V3. City of Hyattsville - Stop Sign Monitoring Ordinance.pdf](#)



► Questions

If you have any questions or comments, contact us at:



Plug-in electric drive vehicle charging space.

(a) In this section, the following words have indicated their meanings.

(1) Plug-in electric drive vehicle means a motor vehicle:

(i) That is made by a vehicle manufacturer of said vehicles;

(ii) That is propelled to a significant extent by an electric motor that draws electricity from a battery that can be recharged from an external source of electricity;

(iii) For which the external source of electricity is unable to be connected to the motor vehicle while the motor vehicle is in motion; and

(iv) That is properly registered.

(2) A plug-in electric drive vehicle charging space is a parking space that provides access to charging equipment that transfers electrical energy to a plug-in electric drive vehicle.

(b) Unless the vehicle is a plug-in electric drive vehicle that is plugged into the proximate charging equipment, a person may not stop, stand, or park a vehicle in a designated plug-in electric drive vehicle charging space.

(c) A publicly accessible plug-in electric drive vehicle charging space shall be designated by a sign that:

(1) Indicates that the charging space is only for electric vehicle charging;

(2) Includes any day or time restrictions;

(3) States the maximum fine that may be incurred for a violation; and

(4) is consistent with the design and placement specifications established in the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways adopted by the State Highway Administration under § 25-104 of this article.

(d) A plug-in electric drive vehicle charging space shall be counted as part of the overall number of parking spaces in a parking lot for the purpose of complying with any *zoning* requirements or parking laws intended to meet requirements for commercial and industrial uses under the Americans with Disabilities Act.

(e) A person who violates this section is subject to a civil penalty of ??? dollars.

A Resolution to Establish School Zone in the City on Municipal Roads within those School Zones.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Md. Code Ann. Art 23A sec 2, the Mayor and City Council of Greenbelt(city) have the authority to pass such ordinances as necessary to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the municipality and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Md. Code Ann. Transportation 21-803.1, the Mayor and City Council wish to establish school zones within a half (1/2) mile radius around certain city schools.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of Greenbelt that, subject to compliance with all the applicable provisions of section 21-803.1 of the Transportation Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, including the placement of appropriate signs in accordance with state law, school zones are established on all public roads with the City of Greenbelt that are within a half-mile radius of the following schools.

- 1 Eleanor Roosevelt High School
- 2 Greenbelt Middle School
- 3 Greenbelt Elementary School
- 4 Springhill Lake Elementary School
- 5 Dora Kennedy School

And be it further resolved, that this resolution shall take effect upon its passage.

**CITY OF HYATTSVILLE
ORDINANCE 2024-04**

**An Ordinance whereby the City Council Amends the City Code,
Chapter 114, Article II Traffic Regulations to add Section 114-
10, Stop Sign Monitoring Systems in School Zones.**

WHEREAS, the Maryland Code, Local Government Article, Section 5-202, as amended, authorizes the legislative body of each municipal corporation in the State of Maryland to pass ordinances that such legislative body deems necessary to assure the good government of the municipality, to protect and preserve the municipality's rights, property and privileges, to preserve peace and good order, to secure persons and property from danger and destruction, and to protect the health, comfort, and convenience of the citizens of the municipality; and

WHEREAS, Section C3-1 of the City Charter states that the Council has the power to pass all such ordinances not contrary to the Constitution and laws of the State of Maryland as it may deem necessary for the good government of the City, for the protection and preservation of the City's property, rights, and privileges, for the preservation of peace and good order, for securing persons and property from violence, danger or destruction, and for the protection and promotion of the health, safety, comfort, convenience, welfare, and happiness of the residents of and visitors in the City; and

WHEREAS, Maryland Code, Transportation Article, Section 21-707.1, as amended, authorizes the legislative body of each municipal corporation in Prince George's County to pass ordinances authorizing the use of stop sign monitoring systems in school zones providing that the driver of a motor vehicle recorded failing to obey a stop sign is subject to a citation and a certain civil penalty under certain circumstances.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council of the City of Hyattsville in regular session assembled that Chapter 114, Article II of the City Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

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§ 114-10. Stop sign monitoring systems in school zones. [Deleted 3-12-2011 by HO-2011-01]

A. The City of Hyattsville may use stop sign monitoring systems in school zones.

1. A "stop monitoring system," as defined in Maryland law, means a device designed to capture a recorded image of a violation.

2. "Violation," as defined under the bill, means a failure to come to a complete stop at a stop sign in violation of Maryland Code, § 21-707 of the Transportation Article. "Violation" does not include any action taken by a driver under the instruction of a police officer.

1 B. Before beginning the use of stop sign monitoring systems in school zones, the City shall:
21. Publish notice that the City has adopted the use of traffic control device stop sign monitoring
3 system on the City website and in a newspaper of general circulation within the City.

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5 C. Unless the driver of the motor vehicle received a citation from a police officer at the time
6 of the violation, the owner or driver of a motor vehicle is subject to a civil penalty if the motor
7 vehicle is recorded by a stop sign monitoring system during the commission of a violation.
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9 D. The City shall mail to the owner liable under subsection C of this ordinance a citation that
10 shall include:

- 11 1. The name and address of the registered owner of the vehicle;
- 12 2. The registration number of the motor vehicle involved in the violation;
- 13 3. The violation charged; _____
- 14 4. The date and time of the violation;
- 15 5. The location of the violation;
- 16 6. The date and time of the violation; _____
- 17 7. A copy of the recorded image;
- 18 8. A signed statement by a technician employed by the City, that based on the review
19 of the recorded image, the motor vehicle was being operated during the time of the
20 violation; and
- 21 9. A statement indicating the recorded image is evidence of a violation; and
22 Information advising the following:
 - 23 i. The manner and time in which liability as alleged in the citation may be
24 contested in the District Court; and
 - 25 ii. That failure to pay the civil penalty or contest liability in a timely manner
26 is an admission of liability and may result in refusal or suspension of the
27 motor vehicle registration.

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29 E. The City may mail a warning notice in place of a citation to the owner liable under
30 subsection C of this ordinance.
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32 F. Before the City mails a citation to motor vehicle rental company, the City shall mail a
33 notice to the rental company indicating a citation will be issued within 45 days after receipt of the
34 notice, unless the rental company provides:

- 35 1. An under-oath statement indicating the name and last known mailing address of the
36 individual driving or renting the motion at the time of the violation;
- 37 2. An under-oath statement indicating the vehicle was stolen at the time of the
38 violation along with the police report associated with the theft; or
- 39 3. Payment for the penalty associated with the violation.
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41 G. The City may not mail a citation to a motor vehicle rental company if the company
42 complied with subsection F of this ordinance.

H. The citation must be mailed no later than two weeks after the alleged violation.

I. An individual who receives a citation under subsection C of this ordinance may:

1. Pay the fine in accordance with instructions on the citation; or

2. Elect to stand trial for the alleged violation.

J. The stop sign monitoring system in the City shall be conducted in compliance with all applicable provisions of the Maryland Vehicle Law.

K. City staff is hereby authorized to take those actions necessary to obtain any required permission from the state of Maryland or other government with jurisdiction to operate a stop sign monitoring system in school zones.

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;

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Ordinance shall take effect on October 6, 2024;

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that a fair summary of this ordinance shall forthwith be published twice in a newspaper having general circulation in the City and otherwise be made available to the public.

INTRODUCED by the City Council of the City of Hyattsville, Maryland, at a regular public meeting on August 5, 2024.

ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Hyattsville, Maryland, at a regular public meeting on September 16, 2024.

Adopted: September 16, 2024

Effective: October 6, 2024

Attest: _____
Nate Groenendyk, City Clerk

Robert S. Croslin, Mayor

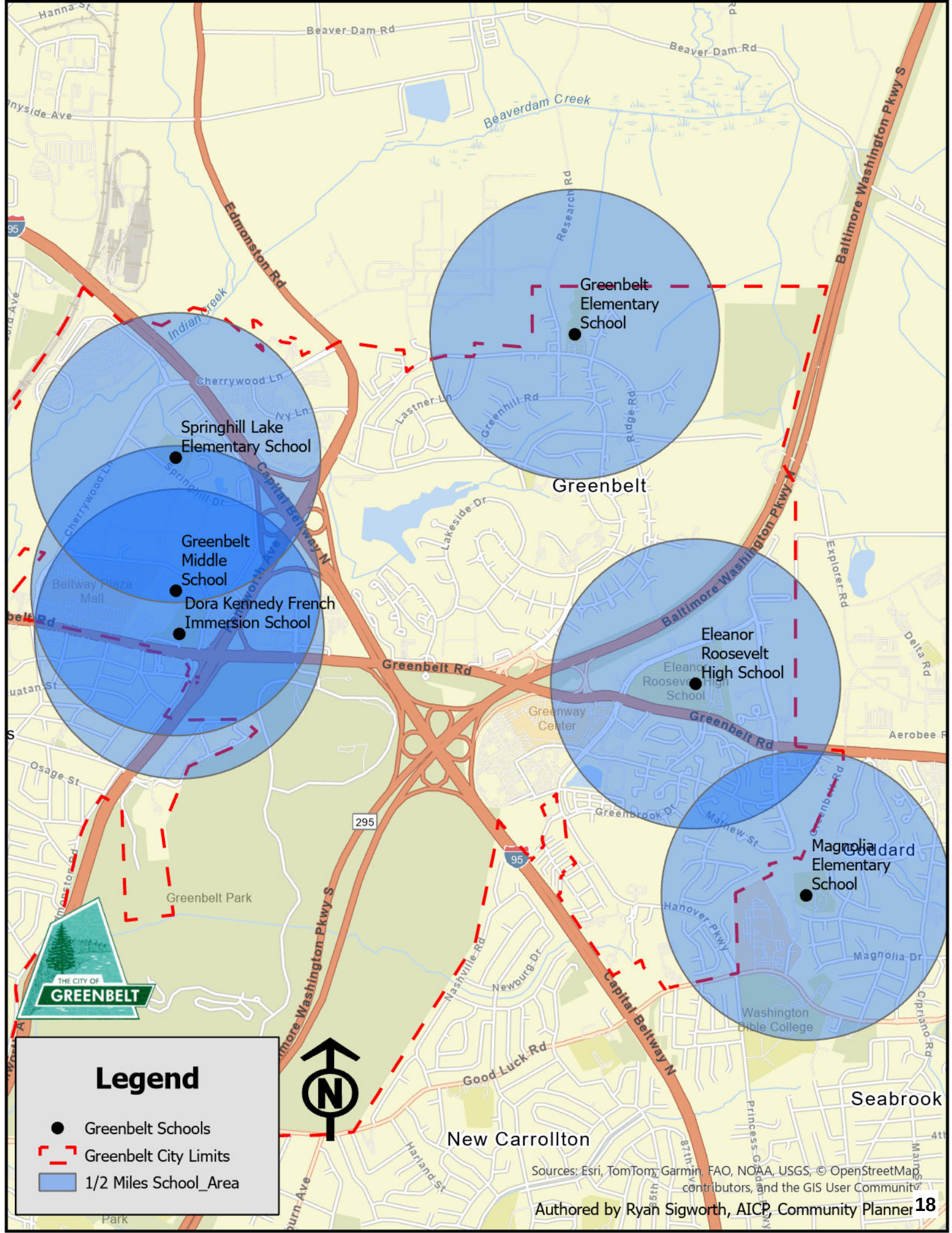
Explanatory Note

1. Underlining indicates language being added to the Code.
2. *** Asterisks indicate language contained in the existing law that remains unchanged that
is not reproduced in this ordinance as it is not substantively relevant to the changes being
made and including it would make the ordinance overly long.

Link to Chapter 114 (last visited June 19, 2024):

<https://ecode360.com/36858679>

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Legend

- Greenbelt Schools
- - - Greenbelt City Limits
- Blue Circle 1/2 Miles School_Area

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OFFICIAL NOTICE

By Section 3-305(b)(1) of the General Provisions Article of the *Annotated Code of the Public General Laws of Maryland*, a closed session of the Greenbelt City Council will be held on Wednesday, December 11, 2024, immediately following the Council Work Session – Traffic Ordinance, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building to discuss the appointment, performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom this public body has jurisdiction; any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the City Manager's Evaluation.

** The public may attend the Special Council Meeting of the City Council immediately before the closed session and observe the vote of the Council to move into the closed session on Wednesday, December 11, 2024.*

Bonita Anderson
City Clerk