

**Town of Chevy Chase
(Speed Monitoring Systems)**

Ordinance No.: 25-10
Introduced: October 8, 2025
Adopted: November 19, 2025
Effective: December 19, 2025

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE USE OF SPEED
MONITORING SYSTEMS IN THE TOWN

WHEREAS, 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 21-809(vi)(1) of the Transportation Article of the Maryland Code grants to the legislative body of every local authority in Montgomery County, Maryland, including the Town of Chevy Chase, the power to operate a speed monitoring system on certain roads; and

WHEREAS, Section 25-106 of the Transportation Article of the Maryland Code authorizes every local authority in Maryland, including the Town of Chevy Chase, to place and maintain those traffic control devices that the local authority considers necessary to carry out the provisions of the Maryland Vehicle Law or local traffic ordinances or to regulate, warn, or guide traffic; and

WHEREAS, Section 301 of the Town of Chevy Chase Charter authorizes the Town Council to pass ordinances as it may deem necessary for the good government of the Town; for the protection and preservation of the Town's property, rights and privileges; for the preservation of peace and good order; for securing persons and property from violence, danger and destruction; and for the protection and promotion of the health, safety, comfort, convenience, welfare, and happiness of the resident(s) of the Town; and for such other police and health matters as it may deem necessary;

WHEREAS, the Town Council introduced the following ordinance in public session assembled on the 8th day of October, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council held a public hearing on the following ordinance in public session assembled on the 19th day of November, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council finds that the ordinance as hereinafter set forth is necessary for the good government of the Town; for the protection and preservation of the Town's property, rights and privileges; for the preservation of peace and good order; for securing persons and property from violence, danger and destruction; and for the protection and promotion of the health, safety, comfort, convenience, welfare, and happiness of the residents of the Town.

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ORDERED, this 19th day of November, 2025, by virtue of the authority given to it by the Maryland Code and the Town of Chevy Chase Charter, the Town Council of the Town of Chevy Chase does hereby adopt the following ordinance.

SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED AND ORDERED, by the Town Council of the Town of Chevy Chase, acting under and by virtue of the aforementioned authority, that the Town Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

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Sec. 15-63. Speed Monitoring Systems Authorized.

(a) Definitions. In this Section, the following words have the meanings indicated:

(1) *School zone* means a designated roadway segment within up to a half-mile radius of a school for any of grades kindergarten through grade 12 where school-related activity occurs, including:

- (i) travel by students to or from school on foot or by bicycle; or**
- (ii) the dropping off or picking up of students by school buses or other vehicles.**

(2) *Speed monitoring system* means a device with one or more motor vehicle sensors producing recorded images of motor vehicles traveling at speeds at least twelve (12) miles per hour above the posted speed limit.

(b) The town council may authorize, by resolution, the use of a speed monitoring system in the town:

- (i) on a highway in a residential district with a maximum posted speed limit of thirty-five (35) miles per hour, or**
- (ii) on a highway in a school zone.**

(c) If the town moves or places a mobile or stationary speed monitoring system to or at a location where a speed monitoring system had not previously been moved or placed, the town may not issue a citation for a violation recorded by that speed monitoring system:

- (1) until signage is installed in accordance with subparagraph (d) of this section;**
- and**
- (2) for at least the first fifteen (15) calendar days after the signage is installed.**

(d) Before activating a speed monitoring system, the town shall:

(1) publish notice of the location of the speed monitoring system on the town website and in a newspaper of general circulation in the town; and

(2) ensure that each sign that designates a school zone is proximate to a sign that:

- (i) indicates that speed monitoring systems are in use in the school zone; and
- (ii) is in accordance with the manual for and the specifications for a uniform system of traffic control devices adopted by the State Highway Administration.

(e) Subject to compliance with all applicable provisions of Section 21-809 of the Transportation Article of the Maryland Code, as amended or replaced, the town may:

- (1) acquire and use speed monitoring systems provided by a vendor for speed camera enforcement within the town; or
- (2) enter into agreements with a vendor for the furnishing and operating of speed monitoring system services within the town.

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SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED AND ORDERED, by the Town Council of the Town of Chevy Chase, acting under and by virtue of the aforementioned authority, that:

(1) The Town Manager is authorized to provide for the erection and maintenance of appropriate signs in accordance with the most recent edition of the “Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways” provided that, no such sign shall be erected on State highways without the approval of the State Highway Administration;

(2) If any part or provision of this ordinance is declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the part or provision held to be invalid shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any remaining part thereof; and

(3) This ordinance shall take effect on the 19th day of December, 2025 (30 days after adoption).

ATTEST:


Rich Brancato, Secretary

TOWN OF CHEVY CHASE


Barney Rush, Mayor
Town of Chevy Chase

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