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ORDINANCE NO. 1320

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 11 “MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC”,
ARTICLE VI “AUTOMATED ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM” OF THE GREENBELT CITY
CODE

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 23(a), Section 2, the City of Greenbelt, Maryland (hereinafter, the “City”), 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

WHEREAS, Section 21-809 of the Transportation Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland allows municipalities to use photo speed monitoring systems in school zones and to issue citations or warnings to owners of vehicles that speed in excess of at least 12 miles above the posted speed limit; and

WHEREAS, the goal of photo speed monitoring systems in school zones is to reduce speeding on street in an effort to prevent accidents, injuries, and fatalities among pedestrians and motorists; and

WHEREAS, the City Council have determined that amending the City Code to authorize the use of photo speed monitoring systems established within school zones of the City of Greenbelt is in the public interest and will protect the public health, safety and welfare; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, that Chapter 11 of the Greenbelt City Code is amended to read as follows:

**CHAPTER 11
MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC**

ARTICLE VI – AUTOMATED ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM

Section 11- 86. Speed Monitoring Systems

- (a) The City is authorized to operate a speed-monitoring system to enforce the speed limit in conformance with § 21-809, Transportation Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, as amended.

(b) Before activating a speed-monitoring system, the City shall:

- (1) Publish notice of the location of the speed-monitoring system on its website and in a newspaper of general circulation in the City.
- (2) Ensure that each sign that designates a school zone indicates that speed-monitoring systems are in use in school zones.

(c) A speed-monitoring system in a school zone may operate only Monday through Friday between 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

(d) For a period of at least 30 days after the first speed monitoring system is placed in the City, a violation recorded by any speed-monitoring system may be enforced only by issuance of a warning.

(e) The civil penalty for a speed monitoring system violation may not exceed forty dollars (\$40.00). Failure to make this payment within the specified time will result in additional late fees for delinquent amounts owed.

(f) The City Manager is hereby authorized to designate school speed enforcement zones consistent with this section.

PASSED, by the Council of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland at its regular meeting of March 26, 2012.

Judith F. Davis
Mayor

Attest:

Cindy Murray
City Clerk

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Underscoring indicates language added to existing law.

~~Overstriking~~ indicates language deleted from existing law.

Asterisks *** indicate intervening existing Code provisions that remain unchanged.