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Ms. Donna J. Brown, Clerk Office of the Clerk of the Prince George's County Council Wayne K. Curry Administration Building 1301 McCormick Drive Largo, MD 20774

Subject: Installation of Stop Sign Enforcement Cameras within the City of Mount Rainier, MD

Dear Ms. Brown,

The City of Mount Rainier seeks the County Council's approval for installing Stop Sign Enforcement Cameras, pursuant to Maryland Transportation Code §21–707.1(c)(2)(ii) and Prince George's County Code Section 26-120.02(c)(2)(B).

The City of Mount Rainier recently completed a <u>Vision Zero Action Plan</u>, which determined that half of all crashes and nearly two-thirds of those causing serious injuries occurred at or near Mount Rainier's intersections. As part of its Vision Zero study process, the city identified a High Injury Network (HIN) of corridors where the largest numbers of people have been most seriously injured, all of which fall within a half-mile radius of Thomas S. Stone Elementary School located at 4500 34th Street, Mount Rainier, MD 20712 and/or Mount Rainer Elementary School located at 4011 32nd Street, Mount Rainier, MD 20712.

Mount Rainier's Vision Zero study process included public meetings and a community survey where residents expressed concern about speeding and drivers not stopping at stop signs. Based on the results of the safety analysis and public feedback, automated speed enforcement was included as a recommendation in the Vision Zero plan and as such was included in Mount Rainier's successful Safe Streets for All (SS4A) implementation grant application in 2024.

The Mount Rainier Police Department has also conducted a stop sign enforcement study documenting stop sign and speed violations over a 5-year period and this data were reviewed and discussed at a City Council Work Session on January 21, 2025. In response to findings from Mount Rainier's safety analysis, public feedback, stop sign and speed violation data collected by the Police Department, and discussion at the City Council Work Session last month, the City of Mount Rainier requests approval from the Prince George's County Council to authorize the placement of stop sign enforcement cameras on local roads within the City limits at the locations identified in Table 1 on the following page.

Traffic safety is a significant problem throughout Mount Rainier and particularly near Mount Rainier's two elementary schools. Drivers who flagrantly disregard stop signs put the lives of children and other pedestrians at risk. With multiple automated stop sign enforcement cameras, Mount Rainier can provide 24/7 city-wide deterrence to prevent unsafe drivers and dramatically improve the safety of our community. This also frees up police officer time to focus on more critical service calls.



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Table 1: Requested Stop Sign Enforcement Camera Location Options within the City of Mount Rainier

Intersection Location	Intersections on High Injury Network	Intersections with Highest Number of Stop Sign Violations Issued
Chillum and Queenstown	X	X
25th and Arundel	X	
29th and Upshur		
30th and Arundel	X	X
30th and Shepherd	X	
31st and Upshur and Rainier		
32nd and Shepherd		
34th and Webster	X	
34th and Tilden	X	X
34th and Rainier	X	
Bunker Hill and 30th	X	
Bunker Hill and 32nd	X	
Bunker Hill and 34th	X	X
Bunker Hill and 35th	X	
34th and Otis	X	X
37th and Otis	X	

Please note that concurrent with this request, the city plans to initiate a procurement process with stop sign enforcement camera vendors and will evaluate implementation costs through this process. The SS4A implementation grant funds will be covering the cost of the purchase and installation of stop sign cameras and the number of locations for implementation will be limited to funds available and at the direction of the Police Department. The selected sites will most likely be those where the highest number of citations and warnings have been issued and additional data may be collected to inform the final selection of locations.

While all the locations above are unlikely to move forward in the near-term due to cost and other considerations, we are requesting approval of these locations to enable flexibility to allow the city to move forward once a vendor has been selected. Automated stop sign enforcement will not only improve public safety in Mount Rainier but also contribute to reducing speeding and stop sign running across all of Prince George's County.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely.

Kourosh Kamali, City Manager City of Mount Rainier, MD