

## UNIVERSITY PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Prince George's County Council Wayne K. Curry Administrative Building Largo, MD 20774

To: Jolene Ivey, County Council Chair and Member CC: All Prince George's County Council Members

# **Subject: Installation of Stop Sign Enforcement Cameras within University Park**

The Town of University Park seeks County Council's approval for installation of Stop Sign Enforcement Cameras, with respect to the requirements outlined in <u>HB364</u>.

Traffic Safety is a dangerous problem in University Park. With flagrant disregard for stop signs, drivers are putting the lives of children and other pedestrians at risk. With multiple automated enforcement stop sign cameras, University Park will be able to provide 24/7 city-wide deterrence to stop unsafe drivers and dramatically improve the safety of our community. This also frees up police officer hours & time to focus on higher, more critical issues.

Our municipality has collected traffic study data across multiple intersections to quantify the severity of the problem and collect video evidence: this has helped us draw the conclusion there is **high risk** across multiple areas in town, and **we would like to request approval from the town council for our desire to install up to 25 cameras across the town of University Park.** 

Here are the specific list of locations we'd like to install cameras at:

- 1. Sheridan St & Baltimore Ave EB
- 2. Tennyson Rd & 40th Ave EB
- 3. Underwood St & 44th Ave NWB
- 4. 40th Ave & Underwood
- 5. 40th Ave & Queens Chapel Rd WB
- 6. 41st Ave & Tennyson Rd
- 7. 40th & Calverton NWB

- 8. Van Buren St & 44th Ave NWB
- 9. Clagett & Clagett-Pineway
- 10. College Heights Dr & Beechwood Rd SB
- 11. Underwood & Queens Chapel
- 12. 44th Ave & Sheridan St NB
- 13. Pineway & Clagett-Pineway, SB
- 14. Pineway & Oakridge Rd
- 15. Clagett & Clagett-Pineway SB
- 16. Queens Chapel & Van Buren
- 17. College Heights & Wells Parkway
- 18. Queens Chapel Rd and Van Buren St
- 19. College Heights Dr and Van Buren St
- 20. Underwood St and Beechwood RD
- 21. Woodberry and College Heights DR
- 22. Pineway and Beechwood RD
- 23. Wells Pkwy and Calverton Dr
- 24. Wells Pkwy and Chansory Ln
- 25. College Heights and 40th Ave

The below summarizes the number of traffic violations that we have collected across various parts of the municipality:

Study 1: Sheridan St & Baltimore Ave EB

- Number of Vehicles Per Day: 386
- Number of Stop Sign Violators / Day: 309
- Useful Links: Streetview Link, Video Evidence Link

Study 2: Tennyson Rd & 40th Ave EB

- Number of Vehicles Per Day: 482
- Number of Stop Sign Violators / Day: 346
- Useful Links: Streetview Link, Video Evidence Link

Study 3: Underwood St & 44th Ave NWB

- Number of Vehicles Per Day: 328
- Number of Stop Sign Violators / Day: 237
- Useful Links: Streetview Link, Video Evidence Link

Study 4: 40th Ave & Underwood

- Number of Vehicles Per Day: 110
- Number of Stop Sign Violators / Day: 97
- Useful Links: <u>Streetview Link</u>, <u>Video Evidence Link</u>

### Study 5: 40th Ave & Queens Chapel Rd WB

- Number of Vehicles Per Day: 99
- Number of Stop Sign Violators / Day: 65
- Useful Links: Streetview Link, Video Evidence Link

#### Study 6: 41st Ave & Tennyson Rd

- Number of Vehicles Per Day: 186
- Number of Stop Sign Violators / Day: 178
- Useful Links: Streetview Link, Video Evidence Link

#### Study 7: 40th & Calverton NWB

- Number of Vehicles Per Day: 32
- Number of Stop Sign Violators / Day: 21
- Useful Links: Streetview Link, Video Evidence Link

#### Study 8: Van Buren St & 44th Ave NWB

- Number of Vehicles Per Day: 183
- Number of Stop Sign Violators / Day: 106
- Useful Links: Streetview Link, Video Evidence Link

### Study 9: Clagett & Clagett-Pineway

- Number of Vehicles Per Day: 131
- Number of Stop Sign Violators / Day: 89
- Useful Links: Streetview Link, Video Evidence Link

## Study 10: College Heights Dr & Beechwood Rd SB

- Number of Vehicles Per Day: 244
- Number of Stop Sign Violators / Day: 192
- Useful Links: Streetview Link, Video Evidence Link

# Study 11: Underwood & Queens Chapel

- Number of Vehicles Per Day: 449
- Number of Stop Sign Violators / Day: 248
- Useful Links: Streetview Link, Video Evidence Link

# Study 12: 44th Ave & Sheridan St NB

- Number of Vehicles Per Day: 96
- Number of Stop Sign Violators / Day: 76
- Useful Links: Streetview Link, Video Evidence Link

# Study 13: Pineway & Clagett-Pineway, SB

- Number of Vehicles Per Day: 192
- Number of Stop Sign Violators / Day: 149
- Useful Links: Streetview Link, Video Evidence Link

# Study 14: Pineway & Oakridge Rd

- Number of Vehicles Per Day: 507

- Number of Stop Sign Violators / Day: 404

- Useful Links: Streetview Link, Video Evidence Link

Study 15: Clagett & Clagett-Pineway SB

- Number of Vehicles Per Day: 816

- Number of Stop Sign Violators / Day: 438

- Useful Links: Streetview Link, Video Evidence Link

Study 16: Queens Chapel & Van Buren

- Number of Vehicles Per Day: 469

- Number of Stop Sign Violators / Day: 395

- Useful Links: Streetview Link, Video Evidence Link

Study 17: College Heights & Wells Parkway

- Number of Vehicles Per Day: 113

- Number of Stop Sign Violators / Day: 96

- Useful Links: Streetview Link, Video Evidence Link

We see hundreds of violations a day – any one of these can result in a tragic incident if not prevented. This letter seeks approval from Prince George's County Council to quickly authorize the placement of stop sign enforcement cameras in our jurisdiction. This will not only improve public safety in University Park, but contribute to driver deterrence across all of Prince George's County.

Let's Drive Safer.

Sincerely,

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