

TOWN OF FAIRMOUNT HEIGHTS

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Prince George's County Council Wayne K. Curry Administration 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 Fairmount Heights

The Town of Fairmount Heights 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 Fairmount Heights. 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, Fairmount Heights will be able to provide 24/7 citywide 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 4 cameras across the town of Fairmount Heights.**

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

- 59th & J 1 camera
- 60th & L 1 camera
- 56th & Kolb 1 camera
- 60th and Field 1 camera

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

Study #1: 56th & Kolb; enforce on cars driving Eastbound on Kolb

- Number of Vehicles Per Day: 349
- Number of Stop Sign Violators / Day: 311
- Useful Links: Streetview Link, Video Evidence Link

Study #2: 60th & Field; enforce on cars driving Northbound on 60th

- Number of Vehicles Per Day: 94
- Number of Stop Sign Violators / Day: 86
- Useful Links: Streetview Link, Video Evidence Link

Study #3: 60th & L; enforce on cars driving Northbound on 60th

- Number of Vehicles Per Day: 52
- Number of Stop Sign Violators / Day: 49
- Useful Links: Streetview Link, Video Evidence Link

Study #4: 59th & J; enforce on cars driving Westbound on J

- Number of Vehicles Per Day: 75
- Number of Stop Sign Violators / Day: 69
- 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 Fairmount Heights, but contribute to driver deterrence across all of Prince George's County.

Let's Drive Safer.

Sincerely,

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