



# Town of Capitol Heights

August 4, 2025

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

To: Ed Burroughs, County Council Chair  
CC: All Prince George's County Council Members

## **Subject: Request for Approval — Stop Sign Enforcement Cameras in the Town of Capitol Heights**

Dear Chair Burroughs and Members of the Council,

We are writing to formally request your support and approval to install additional stop sign enforcement cameras in the Town of Capitol Heights, pursuant to HB364. As you know, this landmark legislation made Prince George's County the first in the nation to authorize automated stop sign enforcement — and we're proud to take part in this innovative push for safer streets.

Our children and pedestrians are at risk. Across key intersections in our community, flagrant stop sign violations have become a daily threat. Traffic studies show violations at rates as high as 80%—with hundreds of violations daily. The danger is real, and the time to act is now.

We've spoken with officials in Morningside and Colmar Manor — the first towns to implement this program — and they've already seen meaningful results: stop sign violations dropped by 50% and 38%, respectively, in just the first two months. Several other municipalities, including Berwyn Heights, District Heights, and Brentwood, are now moving forward as well. As more towns take steps to address this issue, we believe our residents deserve the same level of protection.

### **Why We're Acting Now**

We have conducted multiple traffic studies at dangerous intersections in our community, gathering detailed video evidence and violation data. Our findings include:

Study #1: Old Central & Nova NB; enforce on cars driving Northbound on Nova

- Number of Vehicles Per Day: 985
- Number of Stop Sign Violators / Day: 647
- Useful Links: [Streetview Link](#), [Video Evidence Link](#)

Study #2: Brooke & Suffolk SE, enforce on cars driving Southeast on Brooke

- Number of Vehicles Per Day: 632
- Number of Stop Sign Violators / Day: 579
- Useful Links: [Streetview Link](#), [Video Evidence Link](#)

Study #3: Capitol Heights Blvd & Doppler NE, enforce on cars driving Northeast on Capitol Heights

- Number of Vehicles Per Day: 305
- Number of Stop Sign Violators / Day: 268
- Useful Links: [Streetview Link](#), [Video Evidence Link](#)

Study #4: Capitol Heights Blvd and Doppler SW, enforce on cars driving Northbound on Morgan

- Number of Vehicles Per Day: 954
- Number of Stop Sign Violators / Day: 869
- Useful Links: [Streetview Link](#), [Video Evidence Link](#)

Study #5: Old Central Avenue and Suffolk EB, enforce on cars driving Eastbound on Suffolk

- Number of Vehicles Per Day: 557
- Number of Stop Sign Violators / Day: 522
- Useful Links: [Streetview Link](#), [Video Evidence Link](#)

This level of noncompliance is not just alarming — it's an emergency.

We are therefore requesting the County Council's approval to install **up to 7 additional stop sign cameras** at the following high-risk locations:

1. Old Central & Nova NB
2. Brooke & Suffolk SE
3. Capitol Heights Blvd & Doppler NE
4. Capitol Heights Blvd and Doppler SW
5. Old Central Avenue and Suffolk EB

**Rate of Occurrence** - The Town is experiencing hundreds of violations daily and our Mayor, Council, along with the Chief of Police, are fearful these infractions 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 additional stop sign enforcement cameras in our jurisdiction. On behalf of the Town, we appreciate any consideration given in advance and look forward to your response.

Let's Drive Safer.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Joy Ren", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Joy Ren  
Town Administrator  
Town of Capitol Heights