



Town of Edmonston

Jan 13th, 2025

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

To: Krystal Oriadha, County Council Chair
CC: All Prince George's County Council Members

Subject: Request for Approval — Stop Sign Enforcement Cameras in Edmonston

Dear Chair Oriadha and Members of the Council,

We are writing to formally request your support and approval to install stop sign enforcement cameras in Edmonston, 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: Decatur St, EB at 49th Ave

- Number of Vehicles Per Day: 1,397
- Number of Stop Sign Violators / Day: 741
- Useful Links: [Streetview Link](#), [Video Evidence Link](#)

Study #2: Decatur St, WB at 49th Ave

- Number of Vehicles Per Day: 1,391
- Number of Stop Sign Violators / Day: 575
- Useful Links: [Streetview Link](#), [Video Evidence Link](#)

Study #3: Buchanan St & 51st Ave

- Number of Vehicles Per Day: 954
- Number of Stop Sign Violators / Day: 900
- Useful Links: [Streetview Link](#), [Video Evidence Link](#)

Study #4: Decatur St & 52nd Ave

- Number of Vehicles Per Day: 1,220
- Number of Stop Sign Violators / Day: 1,067
- 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 4 stop sign cameras** at the following high-risk locations:

1. Decatur St, EB at 49th Ave
2. Decatur St, WB at 49th Ave
3. Buchanan St & 51st Ave
4. Decatur St & 52nd Ave

Rate of Occurrence - The Town is experiencing hundreds of violations daily and our leaders 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 patiently look forward to your response.

Let's Drive Safer.

Sincerely,



Chief Eric Beale
Chief of Police Edmonston Police Department