



District Heights Police

Department

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

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

Subject: Installation of Stop Sign Enforcement Cameras within The City of District Heights

The City of District Heights seeks the County Council's approval for the installation of Stop Sign Enforcement Cameras, with respect to the requirements outlined in [HB364](#).

Traffic Safety is a dangerous problem near the schools of District 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, The City District Heights 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 the City, and **we would like to request a resolution for approval from the County Council for our desire to install up to 6 cameras across the City of District Heights.**

Requests for Cameras at the following locations:

District Heights Parkway SW and Rochell Ave - 1 camera
Kipling Pkwy SW and Mason St- 2 cameras
Kipling Pkwy EB and Council Drive - 1 camera
Kipling Pkwy and Marbury Dr - 2 cameras

The below summarizes the number of traffic studies we've done to understand the rate of violations:

Study #1: District Heights Parkway SW and Rochell Ave; enforce on cars driving Northeast on District Heights Parkway

Number of Vehicles Per Day: 501

Number of Stop Sign Violators/ Day: 389

Useful Links: [Streetview Link](#), [Video Evidence Link](#)

Study #2: Kipling Pkwy SW and Mason St, enforce on cars driving Southwest on Kipling Pkwy

Number of Vehicles Per Day: 518

Number of Stop Sign Violators / Day: 495

Useful Links: [Streetview Link](#), [Video Evidence Link](#)

Study #3: Kipling Pkwy EB and Council Drive, enforce on cars driving Westbound on Kipling Parkway

Number of Vehicles Per Day: 902

Number of Stop Sign Violators/ Day: 803

Useful Links: [Streetview Link](#), [Video Evidence Link](#)

Study #4: Mason St NB and Kipling Pkwy, enforce on cars driving Northwest on Mason St

Number of Vehicles Per Day: 532

Number of Stop Sign Violators/ Day: 495

Useful Links: [Streetview Link](#), [Video Evidence Link](#)

Study #5: Kipling Pkwy SW and Marbury Dr, enforce on cars driving Southeast on Marbury

Number of Vehicles Per Day: 379

Number of Stop Sign Violators/ Day: 300

Useful Links: [Streetview Link](#), [Video Evidence Link](#)

Study #6: Marbury Dr NB and Kipling Pkwy, enforce on cars driving Northwest on Marbury

Number of Vehicles Per Day: 120

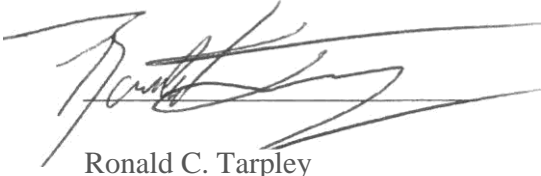
Number of Stop Sign Violators/ Day: 79

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 the City of District Heights but also contribute to driver deterrence across all of Prince George's County.

Let's Drive Safer.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Ronald C. Tarpley', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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