

THE TOWN OF SYKESVILLE

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-06

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SYKESVILLE AMENDING CHAPTER 165, "VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC", OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF SYKESVILLE TO INCORPORATE ARTICLE III, SECTION 165-16, "SCHOOL ZONES", AND SECTION 165-17, "SPEED MONITORING SYSTEMS" TO PROVIDE FOR THE AUTHORIZATION AND USE OF SPEED MONITORING SYSTEMS IN SCHOOL ZONES IN THE TOWN.

WHEREAS, the Town of Sykesville (the "Town") is a municipal corporation of the State of Maryland, organized and existing under the Chapter adopted in 1965 contained in the Public Local Laws of Carroll County, 1976 Edition, as amended; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Local Government §5-202 of the Annotated Code of Maryland and the Town Charter authorize the Town to enact ordinances for the protection and promotion of public safety, health, morals and welfare; and

WHEREAS, Maryland law allows municipalities to establish school zones and to enact speed monitoring system enforcement programs; and

WHEREAS, speeding is one of the major causes of accidents, deaths, and injuries; and

WHEREAS, studies show that speed monitoring systems significantly reduce the number of speeding violations and crashes; and

WHEREAS, traditional enforcement forces police officers to follow and stop a violator in order to cite the violator, but traffic volume and safety considerations mean that police officers can only apprehend a fraction of the violators, putting motorists and pedestrians at risk; and

WHEREAS, speed monitoring systems provide safe and consistent enforcement at a reasonable cost, while allowing police officers to focus on other enforcement efforts; and

WHEREAS, a vendor of speed monitoring systems will provide speed monitoring system services to the Town for use in school zones on streets within the Town's jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the Town desires to enter into an agreement with a vendor for use of its speed monitoring system to enforce speeding violations; and

WHEREAS, the Town believes that use of speed monitoring systems in school zones in the Town will help prevent speeding and will benefit the public's health, safety, and welfare.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SYKESVILLE THAT:

The Code of the Town is hereby amended by adding a new Article III to be known as Article III, School Zones, §165-16 and to read as follows:

Article III, School Zones

§165-16. School Zones and Maximum Speed Limits in School Zones

Subject to compliance with all applicable provisions of Section 21-809 of the Transportation Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, the Town Council hereby establishes the following roads as School Zones:

1. Sykesville Middle School: all public roads within a half-mile radius of Sykesville Middle School.

The maximum speed limit on municipal roads in any School Zone shall be Twenty-Five (25) miles per hour.

The Code of the Town is hereby amended by adding a new Article IV to be known as Article IV, Speed Monitoring Systems, §165-17 and to read as follows:

Article IV, Speed Monitoring Systems

§165-17. Speed Monitoring Systems

- A. In this section, "Speed Monitoring System" means a device with one or more motor vehicle sensors producing recorded images of motor vehicles traveling at least 12 miles per hour above the posted speed limit.
- B. Speed camera enforcement, using Speed Monitoring Systems, is authorized at locations within School Zones in the Town.
- C. For 30 days after the first Speed Monitoring System is activated in the Town, a violation recorded by such system may only be enforced by the issuance of a warning.
- D. Subject to compliance with all applicable provisions of Section 21-809 of the Transportation Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, the Town may: (1) acquire and use Speed Monitoring Systems provided by a vendor for speed camera enforcement within the Town's jurisdiction and; (2) enter into appropriate agreements with the vendor for the furnishing of Speed Monitoring System services associated with the Speed Monitoring System enforcement program.
- E. The speed monitoring system enforcement program in the Town shall be conducted in compliance with all applicable provisions of Section 21-809 of the Transportation Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

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THIS ORDINANCE IS ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF
SYKESVILLE THIS 15TH DAY OF October, 2024

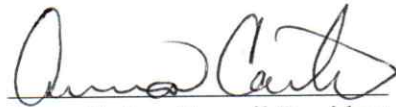
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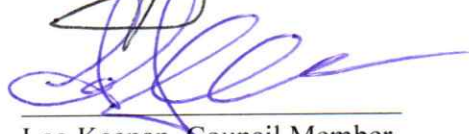


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