



# CITY OF LAUREL, MARYLAND

## ORDINANCE NO. 1995

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL, MARYLAND TO AMEND CHAPTER 17 “TRAFFIC,” ARTICLE II “OPERATION OF VEHICLES” OF THE LAUREL CITY CODE BY ADDING SECTION 17-16(C) ‘SPEED MONITORING SYSTEMS IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS,’ TO AUTHORIZE THE PLACEMENT OF SPEED MONITORING SYSTEMS IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS IN THE CITY WITH A MAXIMUM POSTED SPEED LIMIT OF 35 MILES PER HOUR AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

*Sponsored by the President at the request of the Administration.*

**WHEREAS**, Pursuant to Section 5-202 of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, the Mayor and City Council of Laurel (hereinafter “the City”) have the authority to pass such ordinances as necessary to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the municipality; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 21-809 of the Transportation Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, as amended in 2021, authorizes municipalities in Prince George’s County to place speed monitoring systems on highways in residential districts with a maximum posted speed limit of 35 miles per hour; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and City Council have determined that adoption of this authority will protect the health, safety and welfare of the residents of and visitors to the City.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED**, by the Mayor and City Council of Laurel, Maryland that: Section 17-16(C) be and hereby is added to Chapter 17, Article II of the Code of the City of Laurel, as follows:

### **CHAPTER 17** **Traffic**

### **ARTICLE II** **Operation of Vehicles**

#### **Sec. 17-16(C). - Speed Monitoring Systems in Residential Districts.**

- (a) The terms used in this Section shall have the same meaning as those that are defined in Section 21-809, Transportation Article, Annotated Code of Maryland.



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as amended from time to time.

(b) The City, through an agency established or designated by the City, is authorized to operate speed monitoring systems to enforce speed limits in conformance with Section 21-809 (as amended), Transportation Article, Annotated Code of Maryland.

(c) The City is authorized to use Speed Monitoring Systems in Residential Districts within the corporate limits of the City, with a maximum posted speed limit of 35 miles per hour.

1. A “Residential District” means an area that: (1) Is not a business district; and (2) adjoins and includes a highway where the property along the highway, for a distance of at least 300 feet, is improved mainly with residences or residences and buildings used for business, pursuant to Section 21-101, Transportation Article, Annotated Code of Maryland.

(d) Subject to the limitations set forth in Subsection (c) above, the Chief of Police (or his/her designee), in conjunction with the Director of Public Works, is authorized to determine those locations where speed monitoring systems are to be installed.

(e) Before activating a speed monitoring system on highways within the corporate limits of the City, as authorized by the State and City Codes as set forth herein, the City shall:

1. publish notice of the location of the speed monitoring system on its website and in a newspaper of general circulation in the City,

2. enforce only by issuance of a warning any violation recorded by any newly implemented speed monitoring system for a period of at least thirty (30) days after any such speed monitoring system is placed in the City at a new location.

(f) Late fee. When a citation is issued for a violation detected by a speed monitoring system in the City, there shall be assessed a twenty-five dollar (\$25.00) late fee for any citation which is not paid within the thirty-day period allowed on the face of the citation. This fee may be paid by the person in violation at the time of payment of the underlying penalty or shall be added to any judgment granted to the City by any court of competent jurisdiction.

**AND, BE IT FURTHER ENACTED AND ORDAINED**, that this Ordinance shall take effect on the date of its passage.

**PASSED** this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.



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**ATTEST:**

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**KIMBERLEY A. RAU, MMC**  
Clerk to the City Council

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**BRENCIS D. SMITH**  
President of the City Council

**APPROVED** this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

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**CRAIG A. MOE**  
Mayor