

# COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF RIVERDALE PARK

## RESOLUTION 2009-OR- 02

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**Introduced By:** Councilmember Ward 3 - David Lingua

**Date Introduced:** September 8, 2009

**Public Hearing Held:** September 28, 2009 (7:30 p.m.)

**Amendments Adopted:** September 28, 2009

**Date Adopted:** October 5, 2009

**Date Effective:** October 25, 2009

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1 **An Ordinance** concerning

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3 **School Zone Speed Monitoring System**  
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5 **FOR** the purpose of authorizing the use of speed monitoring systems in school zones  
6 within the Town; designating certain school zones within the Town and establishing  
7 maximum speed limits within such zones; ~~authorizing the Town to modify a certain~~  
8 ~~agreement to provide for speed monitoring system services; providing that for a~~  
9 ~~certain period of time violations of speed limits recorded by a speed monitoring~~  
10 ~~system may be enforced only by the issuance of a warning;~~ and matters relating to  
11 enforcement of speed limits in school zones in the Town of Riverdale Park.  
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15 **BY** adding  
16 Chapter 64 – VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC  
17 Section 64-20  
18 Code of the Town of Riverdale Park  
19 (January 2008 Revision)  
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21 **EXPLANATORY STATEMENT:** Maryland law (Transportation Article, § 21-809) allows  
22 municipalities to enact speed monitoring system (commonly referred to as “speed  
23 cameras”) enforcement programs. Speeding is one of the major causes of accidents,

24 deaths, and injuries. Studies show that speed cameras significantly reduce the number of  
25 speeding violations and crashes. Traditional speed enforcement forces police officers to  
26 follow and stop a violator in order to cite the violator, but traffic volume and safety  
27 considerations mean that police officers can only apprehend a fraction of the violators,  
28 putting motorists and pedestrians at risk. Speed cameras provide safe and consistent  
29 enforcement at a reasonable cost, while allowing police officers to focus on other  
30 enforcement efforts. The Town Council believes that use of speed cameras in school  
31 zones in the Town will help prevent speeding and will benefit the public's health, safety, and  
32 welfare. Now, therefore,

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34 **SECTION 1: BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF**  
35 **RIVERDALE PARK,** That new Section Sections 64-20 be and it hereby is added to the  
36 Code of the Town of Riverdale Park, (Revised January 2008), Article 64 – VEHICLES AND  
37 TRAFFIC, to follow immediately after Section 64-19, to read as follows:

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**Chapter 64 – VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC**

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**§ 64-20 SCHOOL ZONE SPEED MONITORING SYSTEMS AUTHORIZED.**

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43 (A) TERMS USED IN THIS SECTION THAT ARE DEFINED IN  
44 TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE, § 21-809, OF THE MARYLAND ANNOTATED CODE, AS  
45 AMENDED FROM TIME TO TIME, SHALL HAVE THE SAME MEANINGS IN THIS  
46 SECTION.

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48 (B) THE TOWN MAY USE A SPEED MONITORING SYSTEM TO MONITOR AND  
49 ENFORCE SPEED LIMIT RESTRICTIONS, INCLUDING THE ISSUANCE OF CITATIONS,  
50 WITHIN THE SCHOOL ZONES DESIGNATED IN SUBSECTION (E) OF THIS SECTION.  
51 THE LOCATIONS IN SCHOOL ZONES WITHIN WHICH SPEED MONITORING  
52 SYSTEMS ARE USED FROM TIME TO TIME SHALL BE DETERMINED BY THE TOWN'S  
53 CHIEF OF POLICE.

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55 (C) THE TOWN SHALL USE SPEED MONITORING SYSTEMS FOR THE  
56 MONITORING AND ENFORCEMENT OF SPEED LIMIT RESTRICTIONS IN ACCORDANCE  
57 WITH THE REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH IN TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE, § 21-809, OF  
58 THE MARYLAND ANNOTATED CODE, AS AMENDED FROM TIME TO TIME, AND  
59 OTHER APPLICABLE LAW.

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61 (D) THE TOWN MAY CONTRACT WITH A SPEED MONITORING SYSTEM  
62 OPERATOR TO OPERATE A SPEED MONITORING SYSTEM IN THE TOWN IN  
63 ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH IN TRANSPORTATION  
64 ARTICLE, § 21-809, OF THE MARYLAND ANNOTATED CODE, AS AMENDED FROM  
65 TIME TO TIME, AND OTHER APPLICABLE LAW.

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67 (E) THE FOLLOWING SCHOOL ZONES ARE ESTABLISHED WITHIN THE  
68 TOWN OF RIVERDALE PARK PURSUANT TO TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE, § 21-803.1,  
69 OF THE MARYLAND ANNOTATED CODE:

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71 (1) RIVERDALE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ZONE. THE LIMITS OF THIS  
72 SCHOOL ZONE, AND THE MAXIMUM SPEED LIMITS WITHIN THIS ZONE, ARE AS  
73 FOLLOWS:

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75 a. STATE HIGHWAY 410 (EAST WEST HIGHWAY) EASTBOUND  
76 FROM BEALE CIRCLE EAST TO STATE HIGHWAY 201 (KENILWORTH AVENUE),  
77 MAXIMUM SPEED SET AT 35 MILES PER HOUR.

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79 b. STATE HIGHWAY 410 (EAST WEST HIGHWAY)  
80 WESTBOUND FROM STATE HIGHWAY 201 (KENILWORTH AVENUE) TO 46<sup>TH</sup>  
81 AVENUE, MAXIMUM SPEED SET AT 35 MILES PER HOUR.

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83 c. TAYLOR ROAD FROM LONGFELLOW STREET TO  
84 TUCKERMAN STREET, MAXIMUM SPEED SET AT 25 MILES PER HOUR.

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86 (2) PARKDALE HIGH SCHOOL ZONE. THE LIMITS OF THIS SCHOOL  
87 ZONE, AND THE MAXIMUM SPEED LIMITS WITHIN THIS ZONE, ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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89 a. GOOD LUCK ROAD EASTBOUND AND WESTBOUND FROM  
90 APPROXIMATELY 500 FEET EAST OF STATE HIGHWAY 201 (KENILWORTH AVENUE)  
91 TO APPROXIMATELY 100 FEET WEST OF CREST PARK DRIVE, MAXIMUM SPEED  
92 SET AT 35 MILES PER HOUR.

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94 (3) DE MATHA CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL ZONE. THE LIMITS OF THIS  
95 SCHOOL ZONE AND THE MAXIMUM SPEED LIMITS WITHIN THIS ZONE, ARE AS  
96 FOLLOWS:

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98 A. FEDERAL HIGHWAY 1 (BALTIMORE AVENUE) NORTHBOUND  
99 FROM APPROXIMATELY 100 FEET SOUTH OF MADISON STREET TO SHERIDAN  
100 STREET, MAXIMUM SPEED SET AT 30 MILES PER HOUR.

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102 B. FEDERAL HIGHWAY 1 (BALTIMORE AVENUE) SOUTHBOUND  
103 FROM STATE HIGHWAY 410 (EAST WEST HIGHWAY) TO APPROXIMATELY 100 FEET  
104 NORTH OF OLIVER STREET, MAXIMUM SPEED SET AT 30 MILES PER HOUR.

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106 (4) SAINT BERNARD'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ZONE. THE LIMITS OF  
107 THIS SCHOOL ZONE AND THE MAXIMUM SPEED LIMITS WITHIN THIS ZONE, ARE AS  
108 FOLLOWS:

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110 A. RIVERDALE ROAD FROM STATE HIGHWAY 201 (KENILWORTH  
111 AVENUE) TO STATE HIGHWAY 410 (EAST WEST HIGHWAY), MAXIMUM SPEED SET  
112 AT 25 MILES PER HOUR.

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114 B. STATE HIGHWAY 410 (EAST WEST HIGHWAY) EASTBOUND  
115 AND WESTBOUND FROM THE ANACOSTIA RIVER NORTHEAST BRANCH BRIDGE  
116 TO RIVERDALE ROAD, MAXIMUM SPEED SET AT 35 MILES PER HOUR.

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118 C. STATE HIGHWAY 201 (KENILWORTH AVENUE) NORTHBOUND  
119 AND SOUTHBOUND FROM CARTERS LANE TO RIVER ROAD, MAXIMUM SPEED SET  
120 AT 35 MILES PER HOUR.

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122 (5) WILLIAM WIRT MIDDLE SCHOOL ZONE. THE LIMITS OF THIS  
123 SCHOOL ZONE AND THE MAXIMUM SPEED LIMITS WITHIN THIS ZONE, ARE AS  
124 FOLLOWS:

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126 STATE HIGHWAY 201 (KENILWORTH AVENUE) NORTHBOUND AND  
127 SOUTHBOUND FROM RIVER ROAD TO GOOD LUCK ROAD, MAXIMUM SPEED SET  
128 AT 35 MILES PER HOUR.

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130 **SECTION 2: AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED** that for a period of at least 30 days  
131 after the first speed monitoring system is placed in the Town a violation recorded by any  
132 speed monitoring system in the Town may be enforced only by the issuance of a warning.

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134 **SECTION 3: AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED** that this Ordinance shall become  
135 effective twenty (20) days after its passage by the Council.

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138 **ATTEST:**

**COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF  
RIVERDALE PARK**

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142 Town Administrator

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142 Vernon Archer, Mayor

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146 **EXPLANATION:**

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148 CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.  
149 ((Double Parenthesis)) indicate matter deleted from existing law.

150 Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

151 ~~Strike Out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from  
152 the law.