

**TOWN OF NORTH BRENTWOOD
ORDINANCE NO. 2025-__**

Introduced by: Councilmember _____
Seconded by: Councilmember _____
Date of Introduction: _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF NORTH BRENTWOOD AMENDING CHAPTER 315 (VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC) OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF NORTH BRENTWOOD AND SPECIFICALLY AMENDING SECTION 315-18 (SPEED MONITORING SYSTEM PENALTIES; USE OF REVENUE) TO CHANGE OR ESTABLISH CERTAIN SPEED CAMERA FINES TO BE BASED ON A GRADUATED SCALE DEPENDING ON THE EXCESSIVENESS OF THE SPEEDING INVOLVED AS PERMITTED BY STATUTE; AND GENERALLY RELATING TO AUTOMATED TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT SYSTEMS AND TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES

WHEREAS, on May 30, 2021, the General Assembly of Maryland enacted HB 619 (Ch. 447 of the 2021 Laws of Md.) authorizing, in addition to designated school zones, the placement of speed monitoring systems (also known as speed cameras) in Prince George’s County on highways in residential districts with a maximum posted speed limit of 35 miles per hour to be effective on October 1, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Title 21 of the Transportation Article of the Maryland Annotated Code (hereinafter, the “State Code”), authorizes and empowers the Town to implement and use speed monitoring systems that are consistent with the requirements of Title 21, Subtitle 8 of the Transportation Article of the State Code on a public highway; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council has enacted Ordinance No. 2024-01 on February 5, 2024, authorizing the use of speed cameras in the Town, designating certain residential districts and establishing a \$40 fine; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 182 (Chapter 505 of the 2025 session laws of Md.) effective on October 1, 2025 repeals a statutory provision that sets a maximum amount of \$40 for the civil penalty for speed monitoring systems that is imposed on the owner or driver of a motor vehicle that exceeds a posted speed limit and is recorded by a speed monitoring system, and instead, the bill establishes an escalating penalty structure, with a maximum penalty that ranges from \$40 to \$425 for the offense, depending on the excessiveness of the speed violation; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council find it to be in the best interest of the Town, the motoring public and pedestrians that the fines for speed camera violations be changed as indicated in this ordinance to promote the health, safety and welfare.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Council of the Town of North Brentwood that the following Ordinance to be enacted herein as a regular

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ordinance to be codified and named as Article IV (Automated Enforcement and Penalties) of Chapter 315 (Vehicles and Traffic) of *The Code of the Town of North Brentwood* and is hereby adopted, amended and enacted such that said Ordinance, Chapter, Article and Code shall henceforth read as follows:

SECTION 1.

THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF NORTH BRENTWOOD

CHAPTER 315. Vehicles and Traffic

ARTICLE IV. AUTOMATED ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES

SECTION 315-18: SPEED MONITORING SYSTEM PENALTIES; USE OF REVENUE

(A) A civil penalty in the [~~amount of \$40 per violation is~~] AMOUNTS STATED IN SUBSECTION C ARE hereby established for speed monitoring system violations, subject to an additional late fee if not paid within thirty (30) days after the issuance of the citation. The penalty shall be paid to the Town of North Brentwood, and all unpaid violations shall be forwarded for collections actions, except that, in a contested case before the District Court of Maryland, the penalty shall be collected by the district court in accordance with §7-302(a) of the Courts and Judicial Proceedings Article of the Maryland Annotated Code and §21-809 of the Transportation Article of the Maryland Annotated Code and distributed in accordance with §12-118 of the Transportation Article of the Maryland Annotated Code, as any of the foregoing may be amended from time to time.

(B) Revenue received by the Town from a speed camera program shall first be used to recover the costs of implementing and administering the program. Any remaining balance shall be used for public safety purposes as permitted by state law and as set forth in the annual budget adopted by the council.

(C) A VIOLATION OF SECTION 315-17 (SPEED-MONITORING SYSTEMS) SHALL BE DEEMED A CIVIL INFRACTION PURSUANT TO § 21-809 OF THE TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND, AND THE PENALTY SHALL BE A FINE OF THE FOLLOWING AMOUNTS:

(I) IF THE CITATION ALLEGES THAT THE DRIVER OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE EXCEEDED THE SPEED LIMIT BY BETWEEN 12 AND 15, INCLUSIVE, MILES PER HOUR, \$40;

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(II) IF THE CITATION ALLEGES THAT THE DRIVER OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE EXCEEDED THE SPEED LIMIT BY BETWEEN 16 AND 19, INCLUSIVE, MILES PER HOUR, \$70;

(III) IF THE CITATION ALLEGES THAT THE DRIVER OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE EXCEEDED THE SPEED LIMIT BY BETWEEN 20 AND 29, INCLUSIVE, MILES PER HOUR, \$120;

(IV) IF THE CITATION ALLEGES THAT THE DRIVER OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE EXCEEDED THE SPEED LIMIT BY BETWEEN 30 AND 39, INCLUSIVE, MILES PER HOUR, \$230; AND

(V) IF THE CITATION ALLEGES THAT THE DRIVER OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE EXCEEDED THE SPEED LIMIT BY 40 MILES PER HOUR OR MORE, \$425.

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SECTION 2.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED AND ENACTED, that it is the intention of the Mayor and Council, and it is hereby ordained, that the provisions of this Ordinance found in Section 1 hereinabove shall become or continue to be made part of the Code of Ordinances and the sections of this Ordinance may be renumbered to accomplish such intention, and that Chapter 315 of the Code of Ordinances is hereby permanently amended to read as stated in Section 1 hereinabove.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED AND ENACTED, this Ordinance having been read on at least two occasions at a public meeting shall take effect and become effective at the expiration of eleven (11) calendar days following adoption by the Council, and approval by the Mayor or passage by the Council over the Mayor's veto or the effective date of an enabling charter amendment resolution, unless a different effective date has been specified herein.

THIS ORDINANCE IS ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF NORTH BRENTWOOD THIS ____ DAY OF _____ 2025.

Aye:

Nay:

Absent:

Abstain:

Approved:

TOWN OF NORTH BRENTWOOD

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By: _____
Petrella Robinson, Mayor

Date: _____

CERTIFICATE

I HEREBY CERTIFY on this __ day of _____, 2025, that the above proposed ordinance was posted on an official bulletin board maintained by the Council in a public place until it was approved or disapproved pursuant to the Town Charter and that an executed copy of this ordinance has been delivered to General Code, LLC for codification.

Town Clerk

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