

ORDINANCE NO. 614
AS AMENDED ON NOVEMBER 9, 2011

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CRISFIELD, MARYLAND BY ADDING A NEW ARTICLE V, SECTION 106-29, TO BE TITLED "SCHOOL ZONES", TO ESTABLISH SCHOOL ZONES WITHIN THE CITY AND IMPOSE MAXIMUM SPEED LIMITS ON MUNICIPAL ROADS WITHIN THOSE SCHOOL ZONES, AND A NEW ARTICLE VI, SECTION 106-30 TO BE TITLED "SPEED MONITORING SYSTEMS", TO PROVIDE FOR THE AUTHORIZATION AND USE OF SPEED MONITORING SYSTEMS IN SCHOOL ZONES IN THE CITY.

WHEREAS, the City of Crisfield ("City") is a municipal corporation of the State of Maryland; and

WHEREAS, Article XI-E of the Maryland Constitution, Article 23A of the Annotated Code of Maryland and the City Charter authorize the City to enact ordinances for the protection and promotion of public safety, health, morals and welfare; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 277, passed by the Maryland General Assembly and effective on October 1, 2009, allows municipalities to use photo speed monitoring systems in school zones and to issue citations or warnings to owners of vehicles that speed in excess of at least 12 miles above the posted speed limit; and

WHEREAS, the goal of photo speed monitoring systems in school zones is to reduce speeding on streets near schools in an effort to prevent accidents, injuries, and fatalities among pedestrians and motorists; and

WHEREAS, a photo speed monitoring system is an additional tool available to police for speed enforcement in school zones; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council have determined that revisions to Chapter 106 – VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC are necessary to protect the safety and welfare of the citizens of the City.

NOW, ACCORDINGLY, BE IT ENACTED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Crisfield that Chapter 106 – VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC be amended by adding a new Article V, Section 106-29, entitled, “School Zones” and a new Article VI, Section 106-30, entitled, “Speed Monitoring Systems,” to read as follows:

Article V, School Zones

§106-29. School Zones and Maximum Speed Limits in School Zones

- A. Subject to compliance with all applicable provisions of Section 21-803.1 of the Transportation Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, the Mayor and City Council of Crisfield, hereby establish the following roads as School Zones:
1. Crisfield High School & Academy:
Any public road located within a half-mile radius of Crisfield High School & Academy.
 2. Crisfield Christian Academy:
Any public road located within a half-mile radius of Crisfield Christian Academy.
 3. Carter G. Woodson Elementary:
Any public road located within a half-mile radius of Carter G. Woodson Elementary.

4. Crisfield Headstart:

Any public road located within a half-mile radius of Crisfield Headstart.

- B. The maximum speed limits on municipal roads in any School Zone shall be the current posted speed limit, as set forth in the City's schedule of speed limits, a copy of which shall be kept on file with the City Clerk.

Article VI, Speed Monitoring Systems

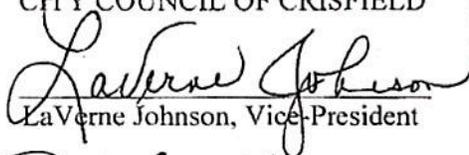
§106-30. Speed Monitoring Systems

- A. Speed Monitoring Systems -- A "speed monitoring system," as defined under Maryland law, 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. The Chief of Police or his/her designee, is hereby authorized to place school zone speed monitoring systems at locations established under Article V, Section 106-29 of the City Code.
- C. Before activating any school zone speed monitoring system(s), the City shall:
1. Publish notice of the location(s) of the speed monitoring system(s) on the City website and in a newspaper of general circulation within the City; and
 2. Ensure that each sign that designates a school zone indicates that speed monitoring systems are in use in school zones.
- D. The school zone speed monitoring system may operate Monday through Friday between 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

- E. For a period of at least 30 days after the first speed monitoring system is placed in the City, a violation recorded by any speed monitoring system in the City shall be enforced only by the issuance of a warning.
- F. The school zone speed monitoring system in the City shall be conducted in compliance with all applicable provisions of the Maryland Vehicle Law.
- G. Severability: If any section or part of a section of this Ordinance shall be held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not affect the remainder of this Ordinance.

Having been read and passed for first reader on the 12th day of October, 2011, this ordinance is duly read, passed, enacted and ordained the 9th day of NOV., 2011.

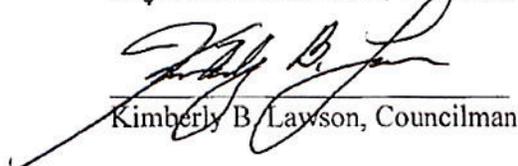
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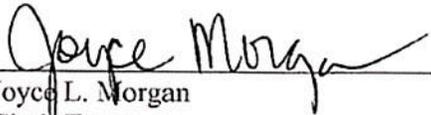

Michael Atkins, Councilman

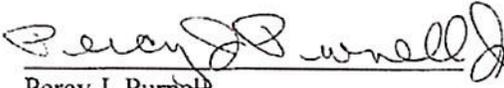

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Kimberly B. Lawson, Councilman

Approved this 9th day of Nov., 2011.
ATTEST:


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Clerk-Treasurer


Percy J. Purnell
Mayor