

Town of Riverdale Park, Maryland
Resolution
2009- R-04

A Resolution Authorizing a Red Light Enforcement Camera Program in the Town of Riverdale Park.

WHEREAS, Maryland law allows municipalities to enact red light enforcement camera programs; and

WHEREAS, red light running is one of the major causes of accidents, deaths, and injuries at signalized intersections; and

WHEREAS, studies show that red light cameras significantly reduce the number of red light violations and intersection crashes; and

WHEREAS, traditional enforcement forces police officers to follow a violator through a red signal 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, red light cameras provide safe and consistent enforcement at a reasonable cost, while allowing police officers to focus on other enforcement efforts; and

WHEREAS, Optotraffic, a subsidiary of Sigma Space Corp. of Lanham, Maryland provides mobile red light camera systems and is willing to provide mobile red light enforcement cameras to the Town for use at traffic signals on Town streets; and

WHEREAS, the Town desires to enter into an agreement with Optotraffic for use of its mobile red light camera system to enforce red light violations; and

WHEREAS, the Town believes that use of red light cameras at signalized intersections in the Town will help prevent red light running and will benefit the public's health, safety, and welfare

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. Red light camera enforcement, using a mobile red light camera system, is authorized at traffic signals at locations within the Town as determined by the Chief of Police.
2. The Council approves and authorizes the Town to use the mobile red light camera system provided by Optotraffic for red light camera enforcement at signalized intersections in the Town. The Town Administrator is authorized to enter into appropriate agreements with Optotraffic for the furnishing of labor, equipment and maintenance related to the installation and operation of a red light camera enforcement program. The Town shall pay Optotraffic a fee per paid violation, as negotiated by the Town Administrator, which shall be Optotraffic's compensation for the provision, installation, operation, and/or maintenance of the mobile red light camera system for use at Town traffic signals.
3. The red light camera enforcement program in the Town shall be conducted in compliance with all applicable provisions of the Maryland Vehicle Law.

THIS RESOLUTION IS ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF RIVERDALE PARK THIS 2nd DAY OF February, 2009.

Introduced by: CM Christopher Henry Sr.

Patrick J. Prangley, Town Administrator

Vernon Archer, Mayor