

TOWN OF CHEVY CHASE
COUNCIL MEETING
October 8, 2025

- I. CALL TO ORDER (7:00 p.m.)
- II. PUBLIC HEARING (7:00-7:15 p.m.)
 - A. [Public Hearing on a Resolution to Provide a Contribution of \\$5,000 to the Chevy Chase Fire Department for Ongoing Operating Expenses and Anticipated Capital Projects](#)
- III. GENERAL BUSINESS (7:15-7:30 p.m.)
 - A. September 2025 Financial Report
 - B. Town Manager’s Report
 - C. Public Comments
- IV. PUBLIC HEARINGS (7:30-8:00 p.m.)
 - A. [Public Hearing on a Proposed Sidewalk Installation on Ridge Street](#)
 - B. [Public Hearing on a Resolution to Change the “No Parking” Zone to a “No Stopping or Standing” Zone on the 6700 Block of West Avenue](#)
 - C. [Public Hearing on an Emergency Ordinance to Extend the Exemption from the Ban on Gasoline-Powered Blowers for Town Contractors, Through 2025, and to Temporarily Exempt the Town from Application of County Code Section 31B-9 \(Noise Control/Leaf Removal Equipment\)](#)
- V. COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS (8:00-9:00 p.m.)
 - A. [Bradley Lane Safety Study \(State Highway Administration\)](#)
 - B. Discussion and Possible Introduction of an Ordinance to Authorize the Use of Speed Monitoring Systems in the Town
 - C. SRA 25-02 (County Workforce Housing)
 - D. State Legislation Tracking
- VI. ADJOURNMENT (9:00 p.m.)

How to Join the Council Meeting

- 1. In-Person
4301 Willow Lane, Chevy Chase, MD 20815
- 2. [Online via Zoom](#)
- 3. By Phone via Zoom
(301) 715-8592
Meeting ID: 301 654 7144
Passcode: 6547144

Resolution No.: 25-07

Adopted:

**RESOLUTION OF
THE TOWN OF CHEVY CHASE**

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE A CONTRIBUTION OF \$5,000 TO THE CHEVY CHASE FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR ONGOING OPERATING EXPENSES AND ANTICIPATED CAPITAL PROJECTS

WHEREAS, the Town of Chevy Chase has been asked to support ongoing operating expenses and anticipated capital expenditures of the Chevy Chase Fire Department (CCFD); and

WHEREAS, the CCFD was chartered by the State of Maryland as an independent corporation, on February 20, 1930, "to protect and safeguard lives, property and interests of all persons and property holders in that part of Montgomery County embraced within the Chevy Chase;" and

WHEREAS, the CCFD is one of 19 independent local fire and rescue departments within Montgomery County and serves an area that includes the Town of Chevy Chase and a portion of east Bethesda; and

WHEREAS, the first response district is composed of ten incorporated and nonincorporated municipalities, with a population of about 30,000 persons in mainly single-family homes; and

WHEREAS, the CCFD responds to an average of 150 calls per month (excluding the ambulance calls); and

WHEREAS, the CCFD is managed by a Fire Board, which is vested with responsibilities for finance, policy, program development and related activities of the fire station; and

WHEREAS, the Town is represented on the CCFD Fire Board by three Town residents; and

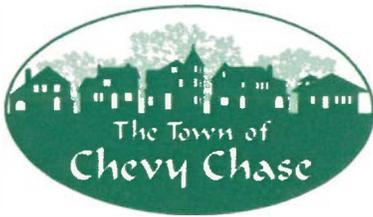
WHEREAS, Chevy Chase Section 5 has committed \$5,500 and the Village of North Chevy Chase has committed \$1,500 to the CCFD to stabilize funding; and

WHEREAS, all Town residents would benefit from improvements to CCFD's fire station.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Chevy Chase hereby commits to provide \$5,000 to the CCFD in fiscal year 2025.

Barney Rush, Mayor

Date



Barney Rush, *Mayor*
Irene Lane, *Vice Mayor*
Carlo Colella, *Treasurer*
Rich Brancato, *Secretary*
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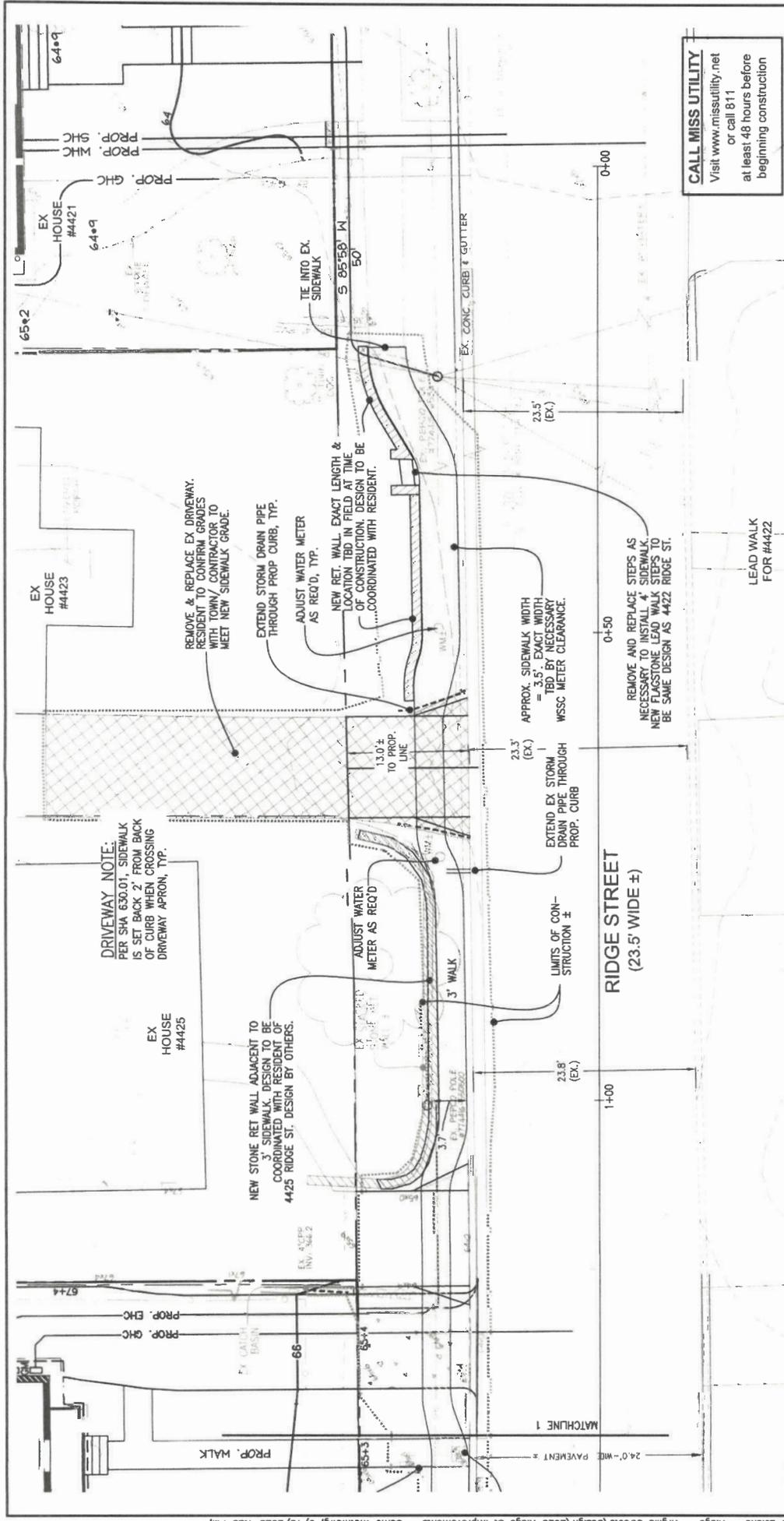
Sidewalk Installation Public Hearing Notice

To: Residents on Ridge Street and in the 6700 and 6800 blocks of West Avenue
From: David Walton, Town of Chevy Chase
Date: September 23, 2025

The Town has received a request to install a sidewalk on the north side of Ridge Street to connect an existing sidewalk that terminates at 4423 Ridge Street to the existing sidewalk on West Avenue. Following a review of the request, and feedback from residents in the block, the Council decided to proceed with developing plans for the sidewalk. On Wednesday, October 8 at 7:00 p.m., in the Town Hall and via Zoom, the Town Council will hold a public hearing to consider whether to install the sidewalk, as requested.

As requested by residents, the proposed sidewalk has been designed to be installed entirely behind the existing curb as shown on the attached plans and is proposed to vary in width between 3 and 4 feet in order to accommodate existing tree roots and private improvements. In addition to the sidewalk, the plan requires the installation of new retaining walls in front of 4423 and 4425 Ridge Street to address the removal of an existing slope, which is needed to install the new sidewalk flush with the top of the existing curb. As part of the engineering review and plan development, the Town's tree contractor used an air spade to identify significant roots, if any, that would be impacted by the installation, and the Town arborist has developed a tree protection plan for the work. If approved, the Town arborist will monitor the work and direct the contractor in implementing appropriate tree protection measures.

If you cannot attend the October 8 Council meeting, you may submit comments to the Town Office at 4301 Willow Lane, or by email to townoffice@townofchevyCHASE.org prior to the meeting. Please contact the Town Office if you have any questions.



DRIVEWAY NOTE:
 PER SHA 630.01, SIDEWALK IS SET BACK 2' FROM BACK OF CURB WHEN CROSSING DRIVEWAY APRON, TYP.

REMOVE & REPLACE EX. DRIVEWAY. RESIDENT TO CONFIRM GRADES WITH TOWN/ CONTRACTOR TO MEET NEW SIDEWALK GRADE.

EXTEND STORM DRAIN PIPE THROUGH PROP. CURB, TYP. ADJUST WATER METER AS REQ'D, TYP.

NEW RET. WALL. EXACT LENGTH & LOCATION TBD IN FIELD AT TIME OF CONSTRUCTION. DESIGN TO BE COORDINATED WITH RESIDENT.

APPROX. SIDEWALK WIDTH = 3.5' EXACT WIDTH TO BE DETERMINED BY WSSC METER CLEARANCE.

REMOVE AND REPLACE STEPS AS NECESSARY TO INSTALL 4' SIDEWALK. NEW FLAGSTONE LEAD WALK STEPS TO BE SAME DESIGN AS 4422 RIDGE ST.

LEAD WALK FOR #4422

CALL MISS UTILITY
 Visit www.missutility.net or call 811 at least 48 hours before beginning construction

PROJECT NARRATIVE:

This project extends the sidewalk on the north side of Ridge Street approximately 215' from its current location in the front right corner of 4421 Ridge Street to its intersection with West Avenue as shown on this plan.

TREE PROTECTION NOTES:

- This plan is accompanied by a Tree Preservation Plan that must be strictly adhered to.
- Arboreal shall be on site during all tree removals.
- Any live roots encountered 2' or more in diameter shall be evaluated for possible preservation. All other live roots shall be cleanly pruned.

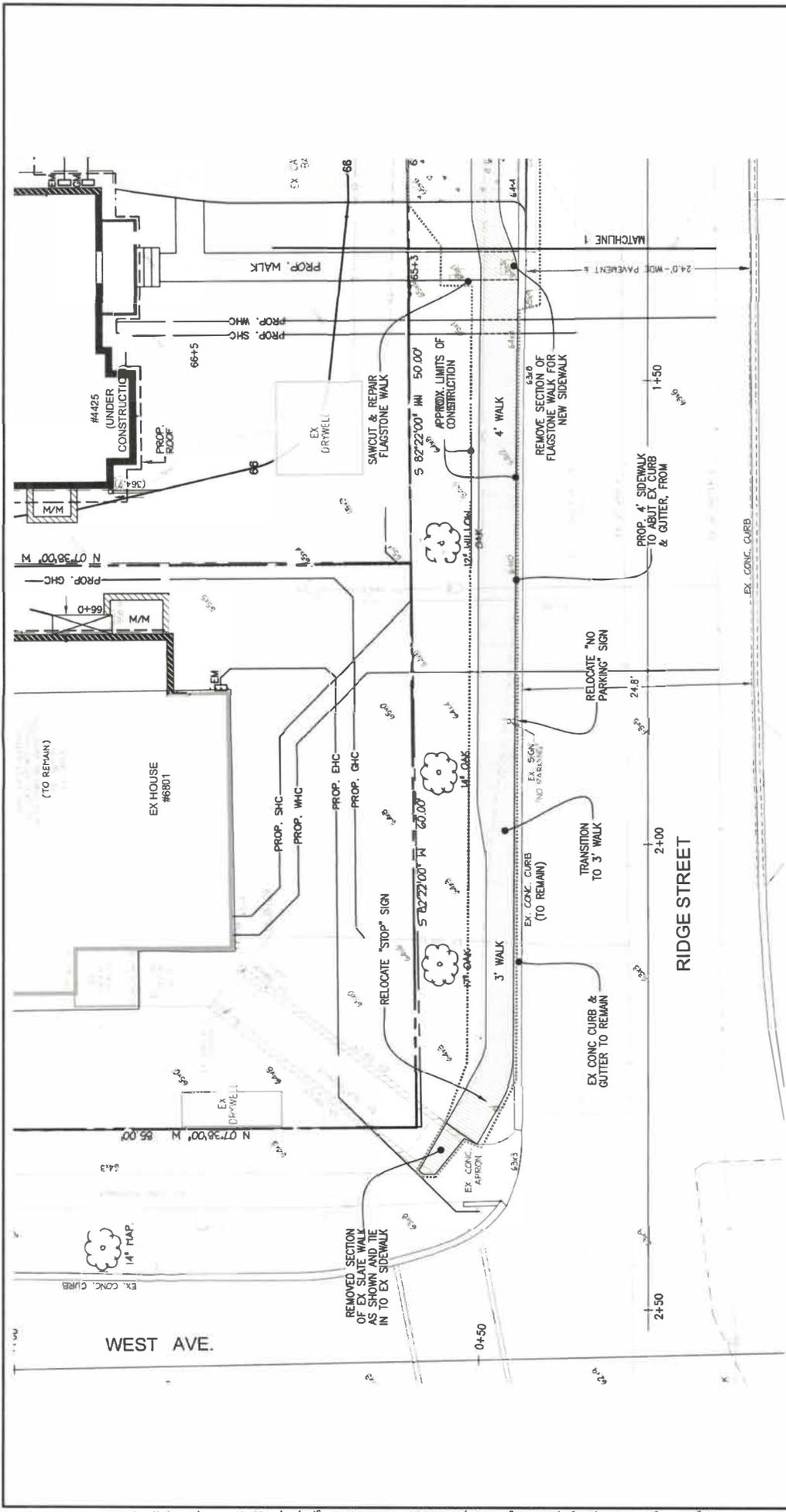
SURVEY NOTE:

- Topography from (1) MNCPPC - Montgomery County Catalog - maps/online-mapping/hub, engis.com/pages/date-correct-by-CAS/ and prepared by CAS Engineering, and filed by OIP Engineering by the Town of Chevy Chase, (3) site measurements by OIP on 3-18 & 3-26-2025.



I hereby certify that these documents were prepared or approved by me, and that I am a duly licensed professional engineer under the laws of the State of Maryland, License No. 22144. Expiration Date 10/26/26.

Client Town of Chevy Chase 4301 Willow Lane Chevy Chase, MD 20815	OIPA Job #: 2728-A1-2025
Contact David Walton 301.654.7144	Date: SEPT. 2025
Revision:	Scale: 1" = 10'
OIP Engineering www.oipengineering.com	
RIDGE STREET SIDEWALK EXTENSION - MAINTAINING EXISTING ROAD WIDTH	
SHEET 1 OF 4	



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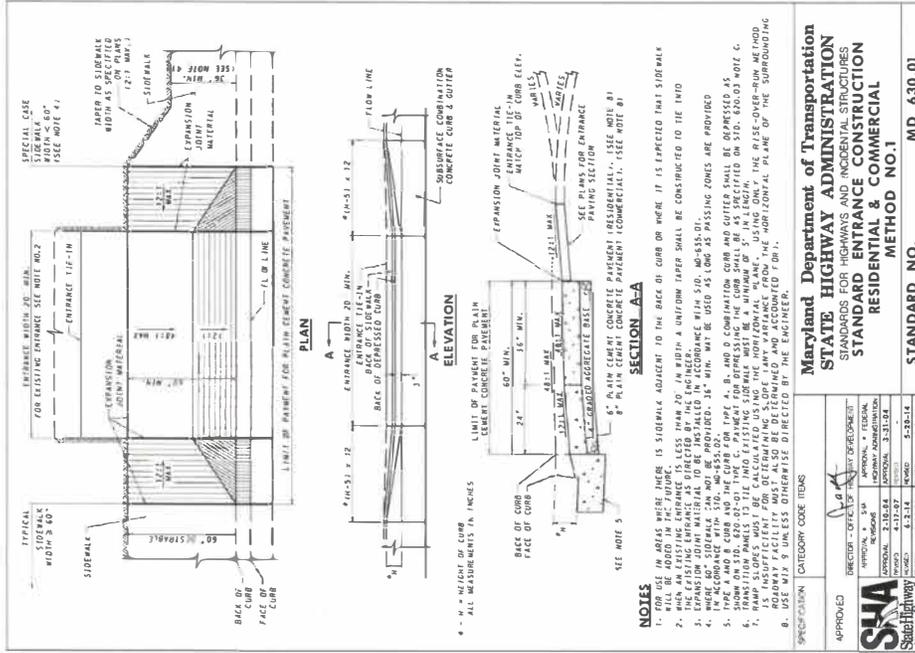
SEPT. 11, 2025



CALL MISS UTILITY
Visit www.missutility.net
or call 811
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beginning construction

SEQUENCE OF CONTRUCTION:

1. Call Miss Utility at 811 or visit www.missutility.net prior to commencing any work.
2. Prior beginning construction, conduct a pre-construction meeting on-site with the Town of Chevy Chase. Provide 48 hours notice for meeting.
3. Perform root pruning and other Tree Protection measures as directed by the Town Arborist.
4. Provide temporary "No Parking" signs / measures.
5. Test pit for any potential utility conflicts.
6. Excavate as required for installation of new sidewalk and associated site work.
7. Saw cut existing driveways at 4427 and 4425 Ridge Street. Remove existing driveway at 4423 Ridge.
8. Construct sidewalk, with lead walk tie-ins, retaining wall, storm drain leader pipe extensions, and new driveway. Adjust, or work around water meter rims as necessary.
9. Backfill with top soil.
10. Stabilize disturbed areas with seed and mulch.



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Engineering www.oipengineering.com
 11327 Ambler Ave.
 Wheaton, MD 20902
 301-948-2011

**RIDGE STREET SIDEWALK
 EXTENSION - MAINTAINING
 EXISTING ROAD WIDTH**

SEPT. 2025 Date:
1" = 10' Scale:

SHEET 3 OF 4

APPROVED [Signature] [Stamp]

SHA State Highway Administration
 Director - Office of Planning & Development
 201 North E Street
 Annapolis, MD 21401
 Phone: 410-327-1000
 Fax: 410-327-1001
 E-mail: sha@sha.state.md.us

Specification CATEGORY CODE ITEMS
 STANDARD NO. MD 630.01

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**Town of Chevy Chase
Traffic Control Resolution**

Resolution No.: 25-08

Adopted:

SUBJECT: A RESOLUTION TO CHANGE THE “NO PARKING” ZONE TO A “NO STOPPING OR STANDING” ZONE ADJACENT TO 4429 RIDGE STREET AND THE INTERSECTION OF WEST AVENUE AND BRADLEY LANE

WHEREAS, the Town received a request to change the parking restriction on the east side of West Avenue between the three legal parking spaces adjacent to 4429 Ridge Street and the intersection of West Avenue and Bradley Lane from “no parking” to “no stopping or standing;”

WHEREAS, at its meeting on October 8, 2025, the Town Council held a public hearing to consider the request; and to also consider authorizing the Town Manager or his designee to install and maintain “no parking” signs in compliance with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices at appropriate locations; and

WHEREAS, Section 15-61 of the Town Code provides:

Whenever the town council determines that it is reasonable or necessary to regulate vehicular or pedestrian traffic, it may provide by resolution for the regulation of vehicular and pedestrian traffic on public streets or other areas in the town;

WHEREAS, after consideration of the evidence presented at the aforesaid meetings, the Town Council finds that the proposal is reasonable and necessary to regulate vehicular traffic and to protect the public health, safety, and welfare.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Town Council of the Town of Chevy Chase does hereby adopt the foregoing Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, this _____th day of _____, 2025, by the Town Council of the Town of Chevy Chase, Maryland, acting under and by virtue of the authority given it by Article XI-E of the Maryland Constitution, the Chevy Chase Town Charter, Maryland Code, Transportation Article, and Section 15-61 of the Town Code, that:

1. The “No Parking” zone is changed to a “No Stopping or Standing” zone on the east side of West Avenue between the three legal parking spaces adjacent to 4429 Ridge Street and the intersection of West Avenue and Bradley Lane, as reflected in the attached plan, and stopping or standing of vehicles in such area is prohibited; and

2. The Town Manager or his designee is hereby authorized and directed to install and maintain signs in compliance with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices in appropriate locations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the foregoing resolution shall take effect upon its adoption, or as soon thereafter as signs are posted in accordance with this Resolution.

I, Rich Brancato, Secretary of the Town Council of the Town of Chevy Chase, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Town Council at its meeting on _____th day of _____, 2025.

Rich Brancato, Secretary

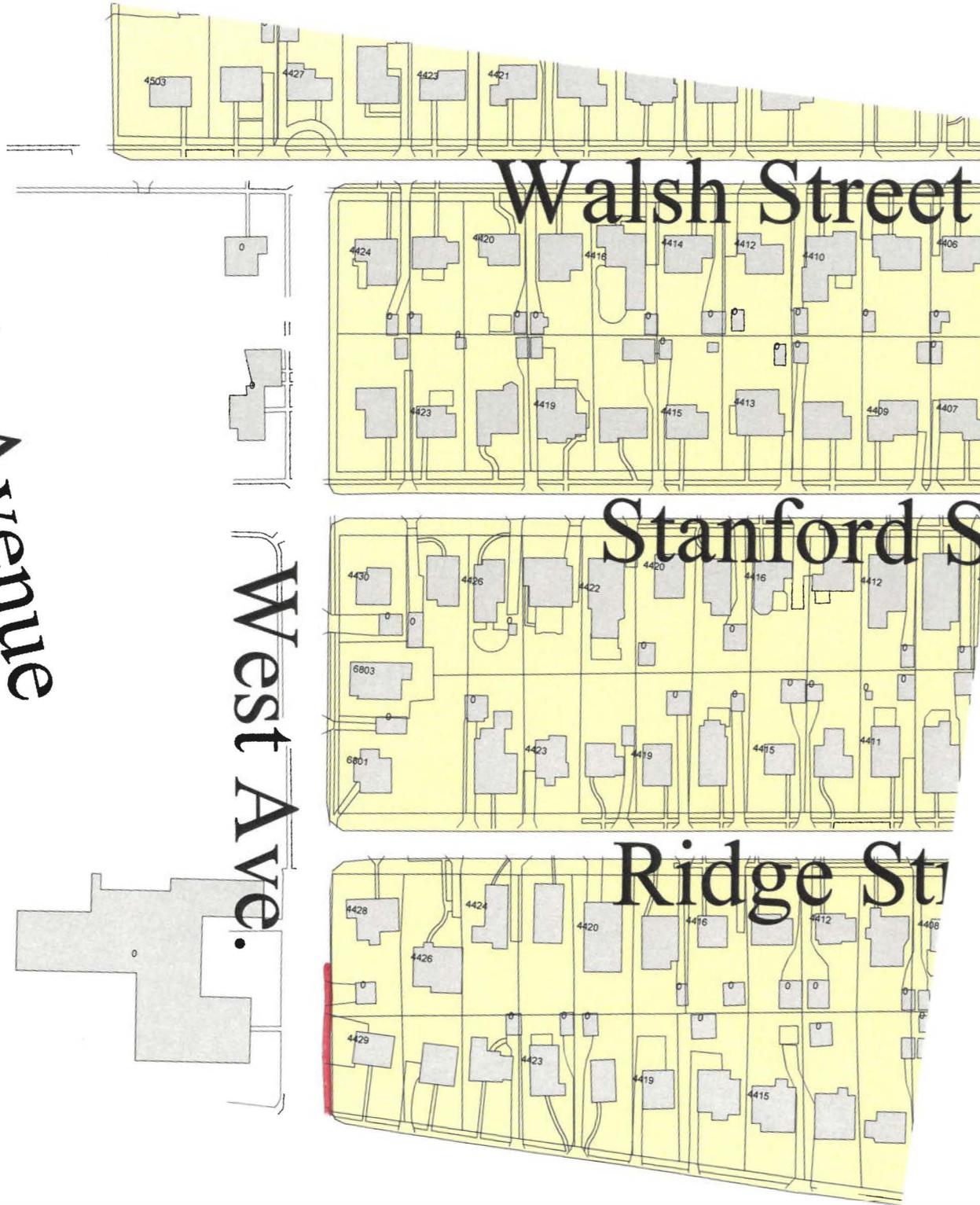
Wisconsin Avenue

West Ave.

Walsh Street

Stanford S

Ridge St



 Proposed "No Stopping or Standing" zone



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Irene Lane, *Vice Mayor*
Carlo Colella, *Treasurer*
Rich Brancato, *Secretary*
Tambra Leonard, *Community Liaison*

West Avenue Parking Restriction Change Public Hearing Notice

To: Residents in the 6700 and 6800 blocks of West Avenue
From: David Walton, Town of Chevy Chase
Date: September 23, 2025

The Town has received a request to change the parking restriction on the east side of West Avenue between the three legal parking spaces adjacent to 4428 Ridge Street and the intersection of West Avenue and Bradley Lane from “No Parking” to “No Stopping or Standing.” The Town Council has scheduled a public hearing to consider the request for Wednesday, October 8 at 7:00 p.m., in the Town Hall and via Zoom, in accordance with the Town Traffic Restrictions and Signage Policy.

If you cannot attend the October 8 Council meeting, you may submit comments to the Town Office at 4301 Willow Lane, or by email to townoffice@townofchevychase.org prior to the meeting. Please contact the Town Office if you have any questions.

cc: St. John’s Norwood Parish and Oneness Family School (by email)

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**Town of Chevy Chase
Gasoline-Powered Blower Ordinance (Extension of Exemption)**

Ordinance No.: 25-09
Introduced: October 8, 2025
Adopted:
Effective:

SUBJECT: AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE TO EXTEND THE EXEMPTION FROM THE BAN ON GASOLINE-POWERED BLOWERS FOR TOWN CONTRACTORS, THROUGH 2025, AND TO TEMPORARILY EXEMPT THE TOWN FROM APPLICATION OF COUNTY CODE SECTION 31B-9 (NOISE CONTROL/LEAF REMOVAL EQUIPMENT)

WHEREAS, Section 5-202 of the Local Government Article of the Maryland Code grants to the legislative body of every incorporated municipality in Maryland, including the Town of Chevy Chase, general power to pass such ordinances not contrary to the Constitution of Maryland or public general law as deemed necessary in order to assure the good government of the municipality, to protect and preserve the municipality's rights, property, and privileges, to preserve peace and good order, to secure persons and property from danger and destruction, and to protect the health, comfort, and convenience of the citizens of the municipality; and

WHEREAS, Section 301(a) of the Charter of the Town of Chevy Chase authorizes the Town Council to pass ordinances not contrary to the Constitution and laws of the State of Maryland or the Charter as it may deem necessary for the good government of the Town; for the protection and preservation of the Town's property, rights, and privileges; for the preservation of peace and good order; for securing persons and property from violence, danger or destruction; for the protection and promotion of the health, safety, comfort, convenience, welfare, and happiness of the residents of the Town and for such other police or health matters as it may deem necessary; and

WHEREAS, Section 209 of the Charter of the Town of Chevy Chase authorizes the Town Council to pass ordinances on an emergency basis to become effective on the date of passage; and

WHEREAS, on the 26th day of September, 2023, the Montgomery County Council enacted Bill No. 18-22, prohibiting the use of handheld, backpack, and walk-behind gas-powered leaf blowers and leaf vacuums, starting July 1, 2025 (per County Code Sec. 31B-9), and although the County Council recently considered allowing an exemption for landscaping companies to use gasoline-powered leaf blowers between October 1 and December 31, for three years, the County Council decided not to allow the exemption; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council has recently learned that the Town's leaf removal contractor would need to use a generator, which would be located on a trailer attached to a service truck, to periodically charge electric-powered blower batteries throughout the day; and

WHEREAS, such generator would create noise that may be just as impactful to residents as the noise created by gas-powered blowers; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council introduced and held a public hearing on the following ordinance in public session assembled on the 8th day of October, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council finds that the following ordinance is necessary for the good government of the Town; for the protection and preservation of the Town's property, rights, and privileges; for the preservation of peace and good order; for securing persons and property from violence, danger or destruction; and for the protection and promotion of the health, safety, comfort, convenience, welfare, and happiness of the residents of the Town.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Town Council of the Town of Chevy Chase does hereby adopt the following ordinance:

SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED AND ORDERED, this ___th day of _____, 2025, by the Town Council of the Town of Chevy Chase, acting under and by virtue of the authority granted to it by the Maryland Code and the Town Charter, that the Town Code is amended to read as follows:

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Sec. 1-7. - Applicability of county legislation within town.

- (a) Except as provided in this section, the town council exempts the town from all legislation heretofore or hereafter enacted by the county, relating to any subject upon which the town council has heretofore or is hereafter granted legislative authority either by public general law or by the town charter.
- (b) Subsection (a) of this section does not repeal or prohibit any town ordinance that specifically adopts or incorporates by reference any county legislation, and such county legislation adopted or incorporated as of the adoption of this section or incorporated by references into this Code in the future shall have full force and effect to the extent provided in the town ordinance adopting or incorporating the same.
- (c) The following chapters of the Montgomery County Code, or portions thereof, as such may be amended, or relocated, are exceptions to the general exemption set forth in subsection (a) of this section and shall be applicable within the town until such time as the town council shall exempt the town from their application:

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Chapter 31B, entitled "Noise Control", **except that section 31B-9, concerning leaf removal equipment, shall not apply within the town until January 1, 2026, with respect to town contractors, employees, and agents of the town operating within the town.**

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Sec. 16-1. - Noise restrictions.

The following provisions shall apply in the Town of Chevy Chase in addition to the provisions of chapter 31B of the Montgomery County Code:

(1) *Construction.* It shall be unlawful to engage in construction activities before 7:00 a.m. on weekdays or 9:00 a.m. on weekends and all federal holidays, or after 7:00 p.m. on all days. As used herein, "construction activities" means temporary activities directly associated with site preparation, assembly, erection, repair, alteration, renovation, construction, or demolition of improvements, or other similar activities including, but not limited to, moving heavy equipment, delivering materials, loading or unloading, operating equipment with audible "back-up" warning devices, and allowing engines to idle.

(2) *Landscaping.*

a. Gasoline-powered.

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3. Contractors, employees, and agents of the town are exempt from these restrictions from the 15th day of October through the 31st day of December, ~~2024~~ 2025.

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SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED AND ORDERED, by the Town Council of the Town of Chevy Chase, acting under and by virtue of the authority granted to it by the Maryland Code and the Town Charter that, that:

(1) If any part or provision of this ordinance is declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the part or provision held to be invalid shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any remaining part thereof; and

(2) This ordinance shall take effect immediately, as an emergency per Section 209 of the Charter.

(3) Section 16-1(2)a.3, and the edit to Section 1-7(c) regarding County Chapter 31B, both concerning the exemption for Town contractors, employees, and agents, are adopted as an interim measure and shall automatically expire and be abrogated and of no further force or effect, on the 1st day of January, 2026, with no further action being required by the Town Council.

ATTEST:

TOWN OF CHEVY CHASE

Rich Brancato, Secretary

Barney Rush, Mayor
Town of Chevy Chase

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