

TOWN OF CHEVY CHASE  
COUNCIL MEETING  
November 19, 2025

OPEN SESSION TO VOTE TO ENTER CLOSED SESSION (5:30 p.m.)

The Town Council will meet in open session for the purpose of voting to enter a closed session pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, Maryland Code, General Provisions Article, Section 3-305(b)(7) to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice on a contract.

COUNCIL MEETING (6:00 p.m.)

- I. GENERAL BUSINESS (6:00-6:15 p.m.)
  - A. Call to Order
  - B. October 2025 Financial Report
  - C. Town Manager's Report
  - D. Public Comments
  
- II. PUBLIC HEARINGS (6:15-6:45 p.m.)
  - A. [Variance, 7419 Oak Lane, Driveway and Driveway Apron Width](#)
  - B. [Public Hearing on an Ordinance to Authorize the Use of Speed Monitoring Systems in the Town](#)
  
- III. COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS (6:45-7:15 p.m.)
  - A. [Consideration of a Resolution to Designate Bradley Lane for the Deployment of a Speed Monitoring System](#)
  - B. Discussion of a Contract for a Speed Monitoring System
  - C. SHA Bradley Lane Safety Study
  
- IV. OTHER BUSINESS (7:15-7:30 p.m.)
  - A. Appointment of Quynh Tran to Complete the Term of Irene Lane
  - B. Swearing-In of Quynh Tran
  
- V. ADJOURNMENT (7:30 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

## STAFF REPORT

II-A

TO: Town Council  
FR: Todd Hoffman, Town Manager  
RE: Rosenblum and Waxman, 7419 Oak Lane, Driveway and Driveway Apron Width  
DATE: November 19, 2025

Daniel Roseblum and Sharon Waxman, 7419 Oak Lane, propose to widen the driveway and driveway apron on the subject property and in the public right-of-way. The project requires variances as follows:

- The driveway is proposed to have a maximum width behind the sidewalk of 21 feet. Town building regulations allow a maximum width of 10 feet; therefore, a variance of 11 feet is required. The driveway width includes a 2-foot-wide storage area for trash receptacles. The remainder of the driveway in the front yard has a maximum width of 19 feet.
- The driveway apron is proposed to measure 17 feet wide adjacent to the sidewalk and 22 feet wide at the street. Town building regulations allow a maximum width of 10 feet at the sidewalk and 15 feet at the street; therefore, a variance of 7 feet is required.

*Staff Note: The existing driveway and driveway apron are non-conforming to the Town's current width requirements. As shown on the attached site plans, the driveway is proposed to be widened by a maximum of 4.5 feet from the existing condition, and the driveway apron is proposed to be widened by a maximum of 2.5 feet from the existing condition.*

### **Background:**

As of November 14, 2025, the Town has not received any correspondence related to the variance request.

*Staff note: The following assertions summarize materials provided by the applicants in support of the variance request. Their inclusion in the Staff Report does not intend to convey staff support for the approval or denial of the variance request. The applicants should indicate to the Council if any arguments have been misrepresented. The Council should consider the entire record in considering the variance request.*

### **Applicants' Claims for the Variance Request:**

1. The variance is requested because the property is exceptionally shallow and subject to extraordinary conditions. The front yard of the property is exceptionally shallow, resulting in a driveway that does not allow two cars to be parked in tandem without one of them projecting into the public right-of-way and obstructing the sidewalk. In order to accommodate two cars, the driveway must be expanded so the cars can be parked next to each other. The unusual angle of the intersection of Ridgewood Avenue and Oak Lane requires a wide turning radius for vehicles, placing the applicants' cars at risk of being

damaged when parked at the curb. One of the applicants' cars, when parked on the street, was previously damaged by a turning vehicle.

2. Approval of the variance is requested because conforming to the Town's building ordinance would cause peculiar or unusual practical difficulties. The Town's driveway width regulations prevent the applicants from parking both of their cars in the driveway. This exposes the car needing to park on the street to the risk of collision by turning vehicles. Removing the applicants' second car from the street would improve the functioning of the intersection and improve traffic safety.

*Staff Note: Please see the attached report based on a consultation with the Town's traffic engineer, who concurs with the representations offered by the applicants and feels that the expanded driveway and driveway apron will improve vehicular movements from Ridgewood Avenue onto Oak Lane.*

3. Approval of the variance would not be detrimental to the use and enjoyment of neighboring properties. The adjoining property is a corner lot. The house on that lot is more in alignment with houses on Woodbine Street and would not be impacted by the driveway or driveway apron expansion. The area directly across from the applicants' property consists of a triangular area of public right-of-way and Ridgewood Avenue, so there isn't a confronting house in the immediate vicinity of the applicants' house.
4. The request is the minimum necessary to overcome the exceptional condition that is causing the hardship. The proposed driveway expansion measures between 3 feet and 4.5 feet in width from the existing condition and is the minimum amount to allow for the applicants to comfortably park both of their vehicles side-by-side.
5. The improvements do not impair the general plan of the Town. The requested variance will improve the traffic flow on the street. The associated landscaping plan will improve the appearance of the front of the property.

*The supporting documents for this agenda item have been omitted in order to protect personally identifiable information. If you would like to review the supporting documents, please contact the Town office at [townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org](mailto:townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org).*

**Town of Chevy Chase  
(Speed Monitoring Systems)**

II-B

Ordinance No.: 25-10  
Introduced: October 8, 2025  
Adopted:  
Effective:

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE USE OF SPEED  
MONITORING SYSTEMS IN THE TOWN

WHEREAS, Maryland Code, Local Government Article, Section 5-202, as amended, authorizes the legislative body of each municipal corporation in the State of Maryland to pass ordinances that such legislative body deems necessary 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 21-809(vi)(1) of the Transportation Article of the Maryland Code grants to the legislative body of every local authority in Montgomery County, Maryland, including the Town of Chevy Chase, the power to operate a speed monitoring system on certain roads; and

WHEREAS, Section 25-106 of the Transportation Article of the Maryland Code authorizes every local authority in Maryland, including the Town of Chevy Chase, to place and maintain those traffic control devices that the local authority considers necessary to carry out the provisions of the Maryland Vehicle Law or local traffic ordinances or to regulate, warn, or guide traffic; and

WHEREAS, Section 301 of the Town of Chevy Chase Charter authorizes the Town Council to pass ordinances 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 and destruction; and for the protection and promotion of the health, safety, comfort, convenience, welfare, and happiness of the resident(s) of the Town; and for such other police and health matters as it may deem necessary;

WHEREAS, the Town Council introduced the following ordinance in public session assembled on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council held a public hearing on the following ordinance in public session assembled on the \_\_\_th day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council finds that the ordinance as hereinafter set forth 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 and destruction; and for the protection and promotion of the health, safety, comfort, convenience, welfare, and happiness of the residents of the Town.

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ORDERED, this \_\_\_th day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025, by virtue of the authority given to it by the Maryland Code and the Town of Chevy Chase Charter, the Town Council of the Town of Chevy Chase does hereby adopt the following ordinance.

SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED AND ORDERED, by the Town Council of the Town of Chevy Chase, acting under and by virtue of the aforementioned authority, that the Town Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

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**Sec. 15-63. Speed Monitoring Systems Authorized.**

**(a) Definitions. In this Section, the following words have the meanings indicated:**

**(1) *School zone* means a designated roadway segment within up to a half-mile radius of a school for any of grades kindergarten through grade 12 where school-related activity occurs, including:**

- (i) travel by students to or from school on foot or by bicycle; or**
- (ii) the dropping off or picking up of students by school buses or other vehicles.**

**(2) *Speed monitoring system* means a device with one or more motor vehicle sensors producing recorded images of motor vehicles traveling at speeds at least twelve (12) miles per hour above the posted speed limit.**

**(b) The town council may authorize, by resolution, the use of a speed monitoring system in the town:**

- (i) on a highway in a residential district with a maximum posted speed limit of thirty-five (35) miles per hour, or**
- (ii) on a highway in a school zone.**

**(c) If the town moves or places a mobile or stationary speed monitoring system to or at a location where a speed monitoring system had not previously been moved or placed, the town may not issue a citation for a violation recorded by that speed monitoring system:**

- (1) until signage is installed in accordance with subparagraph (d) of this section;**
- and**
- (2) for at least the first fifteen (15) calendar days after the signage is installed.**

**(d) Before activating a speed monitoring system, the town shall:**

- (1) publish notice of the location of the speed monitoring system on the town website and in a newspaper of general circulation in the town; and**

**(2) ensure that each sign that designates a school zone is proximate to a sign that:**

**(i) indicates that speed monitoring systems are in use in the school zone; and**

**(ii) is in accordance with the manual for and the specifications for a uniform system of traffic control devices adopted by the State Highway Administration.**

**(e) Subject to compliance with all applicable provisions of Section 21-809 of the Transportation Article of the Maryland Code, as amended or replaced, the town may:**

**(1) acquire and use speed monitoring systems provided by a vendor for speed camera enforcement within the town; or**

**(2) enter into agreements with a vendor for the furnishing and operating of speed monitoring system services within the town.**

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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 aforementioned authority, that:

(1) The Town Manager is authorized to provide for the erection and maintenance of appropriate signs in accordance with the most recent edition of the “Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways” provided that, no such sign shall be erected on State highways without the approval of the State Highway Administration;

(2) 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

(3) This ordinance shall take effect on the \_\_\_th day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025 (30 days after adoption).

ATTEST:

TOWN OF CHEVY CHASE

\_\_\_\_\_  
Rich Brancato, Secretary

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Barney Rush, Mayor  
Town of Chevy Chase

**Bold and Underline** indicates new material

~~Strike through~~ indicates material deleted

\* \* \* indicates material unchanged

**Town of Chevy Chase  
Speed Camera Resolution**

**III-A**

Resolution No.: 25-11

Adopted:

Effective Date:

**SUBJECT:** A RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE BRADLEY LANE FOR THE DEPLOYMENT OF A SPEED MONITORING SYSTEM

WHEREAS, Section 21-809(vi)(1) of the Transportation Article of the Maryland Code grants to the legislative body of every local authority in Montgomery County, Maryland, including the Town of Chevy Chase, the power to operate a speed monitoring system on certain roads;

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Chevy Chase adopted Ordinance No. \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_, 2025, to authorize the deployment of speed monitoring systems in the Town;

WHEREAS, Town Code Section 15-63(b) provides that the Town Council may designate, by resolution, which streets are appropriate for the use of a speed monitoring system;

WHEREAS, Bradley Lane is currently the only street under consideration by the Town Council for deployment of a speed monitoring system;

WHEREAS, based on a Traffic Safety Study, dated September 4, 2025, conducted by JMT on behalf of the State Highway Administration, the Town Council finds that traffic enforcement would be appropriate on westbound Bradley Lane, at or near the intersection of Maple Avenue;

WHEREAS, this resolution was considered by the Town Council at a duly-noticed open meeting held on the \_\_\_\_\_<sup>th</sup> day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025; and

WHEREAS, after consideration of the evidence presented at the aforesaid meeting, and the Traffic Safety Study, the Town Council finds that the use of one or more speed monitoring systems on westbound Bradley Lane 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 \_\_\_\_\_<sup>th</sup> 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 15-63 of the Town Code, that:

1. Westbound Bradley Lane, at or near the intersection of Maple Avenue, and such other additional or alternative locations as may be deemed appropriate by the Town Manager on westbound Bradley Lane, within the Town, be and are hereby designated for deployment of a speed monitoring system; and

2. The Town Manager or his designee is hereby authorized and directed to publish the required notices and install and maintain such signs in compliance with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices in appropriate locations, as deemed necessary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the foregoing resolution shall take effect upon its adoption.

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 \_\_\_\_\_<sup>th</sup> day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

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Rich Brancato, Secretary