

TOWN OF CHEVY CHASE RADAR SPEED SIGN POLICY

Under the provisions of the Town Charter, the Town Manager is authorized to construct, maintain, or remove radar speed signs on Town streets as directed by the Town Council. This document describes the decision process and lists the general standards followed by the Town in considering the installation or removal of radar speed signs.

REQUESTS FOR RADAR SPEED SIGNS

Requests for the installation of radar speed signs may be originated by petition of Town residents; by the management of public facilities adjacent to Town streets; or by the Town Council.

- **PETITION FOR RADAR SPEED SIGNS BY RESIDENTS:**
Town residents residing within a street segment or multiple contiguous street segments (a street segment is a section of street between two intersections) may petition the Town to consider the installation of radar speed signs within that street segment or those multiple contiguous segments. The petition should contain signatures from a majority of the households residing within the street segment or multiple contiguous segments.
- **REQUESTS FOR RADAR SPEED SIGNS ADJACENT TO PUBLIC FACILITIES:**
Requests for radar speed signs on streets associated with or adjacent to public facilities such as parks and schools may be made in writing to the Town Council by the official responsible for the management of the facilities. The Town Council will decide whether to consider such requests.
- **COUNCIL DIRECTED REQUESTS FOR RADAR SPEED SIGNS:**
The Town Council may direct the Town Manager to perform a feasibility study for the installation of radar speed signs on any street segment within the Town.

FEASIBILITY ANALYSIS OF RADAR SPEED SIGN REQUESTS

Upon receipt of a qualifying petition by Town residents, or if directed by the Town Council, the Town Manager will evaluate the street segment(s) to identify and recommend appropriate locations, if any, for radar speed signs.

The Town Manager shall provide a report to the Town Council detailing the findings and recommendations regarding the placement of new radar speed signs.

The results of the feasibility study will be available to the public.

COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

Following review of the record of the request, the Council may:

- Decide to not proceed with further consideration of the request; or
- Schedule the request for public hearing.

If radar speed signs have been requested by petition of residents, all households within the street segment(s) will be provided with an update of the Council's decision.

PUBLIC HEARING

Prior to the installation of any radar speed sign, the Council will hold a public hearing. The Town shall provide sufficient written notice of the public hearing to those residents on the street segment(s) of the radar speed sign request and will use other available communication means to also inform all Town residents.

Following the public hearing and consideration of the record of the request, the Town Council will make a final decision as to the placement of the radar speed signs. The Town will notify residents residing in the street segment(s) of the Council's decision.

The duration of the initial radar speed sign placement will be for one year unless a different duration is approved by the Town Council.

PROCEDURE TO EXTEND DURATION OF A RADAR SPEED SIGN

Prior to the expiration of the initial placement of a radar speed sign, a request to extend the placement may be made to the Town Manager. The request should contain signatures from a majority of the households residing within the street segment or multiple contiguous segments on which the radar speed sign is placed.

The Town Manager will provide the data collected by the radar speed sign to the Town Council. The Council will hold a public hearing to hear from residents regarding an extension of the time period to maintain the radar speeds signs. The Town shall provide sufficient written notice of the public hearing to those residents on the street segment(s) of the radar speed sign extension request and will use other available communication means to also inform all Town residents.

Following the public hearing and consideration of the record of the request, the Town Council will make a final decision as to extending the period of time that the radar speed sign(s) will remain in place at that location.

PROCEDURE FOR REMOVAL OF RADAR SPEED SIGNS

Recently placed radar speed signs should remain in place for a reasonable period before removal is considered.

This process may be initiated by the same parties listed above. Prior to the approved expiration of the placement of a radar speed sign, a request to remove the sign may be made to the Town Manager. The request should contain signatures from a majority of the households residing within

the street segment or multiple contiguous segments on which the radar speed sign is placed and should state the reason(s) for the request.

The Town Manager will provide the data collected by the radar speed sign to the Town Council. The Council will hold a public hearing to hear from residents regarding the proposed removal of the radar speed sign. The Town shall provide sufficient written notice of the public hearing to those residents on the street segment(s) of the radar speed sign removal request and will use other available communication means to also inform all Town residents.

Following the public hearing and consideration of the record of the request, the Town Council will make a final decision regarding the removal of the radar speed sign(s). The Town will notify residents residing in the street segment(s) of the Council's decision.

If unforeseen safety considerations arise following the installation of a radar speed sign, the Council may remove a radar speed sign without following this process. Involving residents in the decision is strongly recommended.

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