

ORDINANCE #766

INTRODUCED BY: Councilman Taylor

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF DENTON TO AMEND THE DENTON TOWN CODE, CHAPTER 120 ARTICLE X §120-46 VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES TO ADOPT CIVIL PENALTIES FOR CITATIONS RECEIVED BY A SPEED MONITORING SYSTEM TO COMPLY WITH MARYLAND CODE TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE §21-809. AND TO AMEND § 120-47 C. PAYMENT OF CIVIL PENALTIES

WHEREAS, the Town of Denton (the “Town”) is a municipal corporation of the State of Maryland; and

WHEREAS, THE DENTON TOWN COUNCIL has the authority, pursuant to its Charter, to enact ordinances for the protection and promotion of health, safety, morals and welfare; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to MD. CODE ANN. Transportation Article § 21- 809, the Denton Police Department has the authority to use and enforce citations issued from speed monitoring systems within one-half mile of any school; and

WHEREAS, the Town adopted a speed monitoring system enforcement program on November 11, 2011, pursuant to Ordinance #641; and

WHEREAS, effective October 1, 2025, the State of Maryland updated the civil penalty fee schedule for violations of a speed monitoring system, necessitating this Ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Town of Denton hereby ordains:

SECTION 1. The Denton Town Code § 120-46 Violations and penalties is hereby modified and reenacted with amendments as follows:

§ 120-46 Violations and penalties.

Unless the owner or driver of the motor vehicle received a citation from a police officer at the time of the violation, the owner or driver of the motor vehicle is subject to a civil penalty *in accordance with Md. Code Ann. Transportation Article § 21-809, as may be amended from time to time, in the amount of \$40* if the motor vehicle being driven is recorded by a speed monitoring system as being operated in a school zone in excess of the posted speed limit, ~~with such penalty to be assessed in accordance with § 21-809 of the Transportation Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, as may be amended from time to time.~~

SECTION 2. The Denton Town Code § 120-47 C. Payment of Civil penalties is hereby modified with amendments as follows:

§Section 120-47. Payment of Civil Penalties

C. In the event the penalty for an uncontested citation remains unpaid and the Town reports the unpaid citation to the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration under its registration renewal flagging program, *State Fees will apply when a fee of \$25 will be due to the Town once the citation is paid and the Town is requested to release the hold on the renewal of the vehicle's registration.*

SECTION 3: If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance is, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance. The Denton Town Council hereby declares that it would have passed this Ordinance and each section, subsection, clause, or phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses, and phrases be declared unconstitutional.

SECTION 4: In accordance with § C3-12 of the Town Charter, this ordinance and the rules, regulations, provisions, requirements, orders and matters established and adopted hereby shall take effect and be in full force and effect seven (7) days from and after the date of its final passage and adoption.

ADOPTED THIS _____ day of _____, 2026.

DENTON TOWN COUNCIL:

Abigail McNinch, Mayor

Dallas Lister, Councilperson

Lester L. Branson, Councilperson

Walter Keith Johnson, Councilperson

Frank Taylor, Councilperson

ATTEST:

Karen L. Monteith, Clerk-Treasurer

Approved for legal sufficiency this _____ day of _____, 2026.

Lyndsey Ryan, Town Attorney

Date Introduced 6-4-2026

Date Amendments Introduced _____

Date Passed _____

Effective Date _____

Text that is stricken reflects language omitted from the Town Code

Text in **bold** and *italicized* reflects additions to the Town Code