

# Frequently Asked Questions and Answers Regarding Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) System Citations

## Updated: August 2016

### How can I pay this citation?

You may pay this citation in various ways:

- 1) Mail a check or money order to: City of College Park, P.O. Box 17473, Baltimore, Maryland 21297-1473
- 2) Pay online by Credit Card or E-Check at [www.OnlineCitationPayment.com](http://www.OnlineCitationPayment.com)  
(Citation number and pin number are required and a service fee is applied for online payments)
- 3) Pay by Phone: (866) 979-4824
- 4) Pay in person at College Park City Hall, 4500 Knox Road, College Park, MD 20740

### What happens if I do not pay this citation?

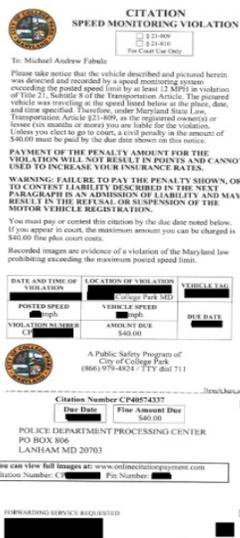
If you fail to pay the citation in full by the due date, your vehicle registration may be flagged and subject to Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) refusal of renewal or suspension. If your registration is flagged, you may owe additional flagging fees to the City of College Park and to the MVA (The MVA will assess a flagging fee for each flag imposed; this fee must be paid to the MVA, and is in addition to the fine and fees due to the City of College Park. MVA fees remaining unpaid may be referred to the Maryland Central Collection Unit for collection. The name of the party on the citation may be reported to credit reporting agencies.)

### What if I lost my citation?

You may call the City of College Park's processing vendor at (866) 979-4824 to request a duplicate or to obtain the citation number and payment information.

### Why did I get this citation?

A vehicle, registered or leased in your name, was identified by an automatic speed enforcement system. Vehicles exceeding the posted maximum speed limit by 12 miles per hour or more are detected automatically and two photographs are taken. These photographs appear on each citation along with the date, time, location, and speed of the vehicle when the violation occurred:



**CITATION**  
**SPEED MONITORING VIOLATION**

To: Michael Andrew Fabals

Please take notice that the vehicle described and pictured herein was detected and recorded by a speed monitoring system exceeding the posted speed limit by at least 12 MPH in violation of Title 21, Subtitle 8 of the Transportation Article. The pictured vehicle was traveling at the speed listed below at the place, date, and time specified. Therefore, under Maryland State Law, Transportation Article 21-2109, (a) the registered owner(s) or lessee (six months or more) you are liable for the violation, or (b) unless you elect to go to court, a civil penalty in the amount of \$40.00 must be paid by the due date shown on this notice.

**PAYMENT OF THE PENALTY AMOUNT FOR THE VIOLATION WILL NOT RESULT IN POINTS AND CANNOT BE USED TO INCREASE YOUR INSURANCE RATES.**

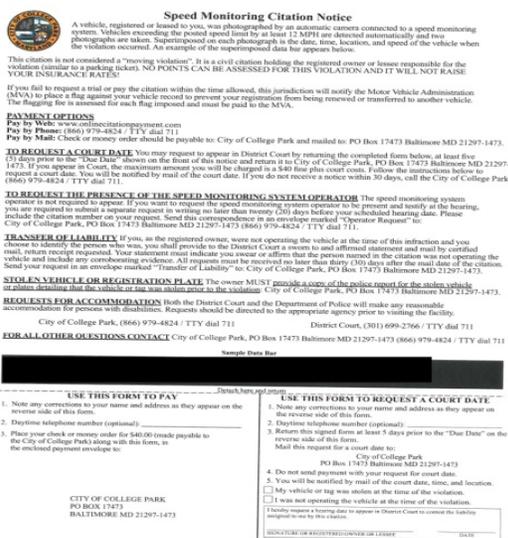
**WARNING: FAILURE TO PAY THE PENALTY SHOWN, OR TO CONTEST LIABILITY DESCRIBED IN THE NEXT PARAGRAPH IS AN ADMISSION OF LIABILITY AND MAY RESULT IN THE REFUSAL OR SUSPENSION OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION.**

You may pay or contest this citation by the due date noted below. If you appear in court, the maximum amount you can be charged is \$40.00 fine plus court costs.

Revised images are evidence of a violation of the Maryland law prohibiting exceeding the maximum posted speed limit.

DATE AND TIME OF VIOLATION	LOCATION OF VIOLATION	VEHICLE TAG
08/11/2016 11:15:00 AM	College Park MD	12345678
POSTED SPEED	VEHICLE SPEED	918-BATE
30 mph	48 mph	
VIOLATION AMOUNT	AMOUNT FINE	
\$40.00	\$40.00	

A Public Safety Program of City of College Park (866) 979-4824 / TTY dial 711



**Speed Monitoring Citation Notice**

A vehicle, registered or leased to you, was photographed by an automatic camera connected to a speed monitoring system. Vehicles exceeding the posted speed limit by at least 12 MPH are detected automatically and two photographs are taken. Superimposed on each photograph is the date, time, location, and speed of the vehicle when the violation occurred. An example of the superimposed data bar appears below.

This citation is not considered a "moving violation". It is a civil citation holding the registered owner or lessee responsible for the violation (similar to a parking ticket). NO POINTS CAN BE ASSESSED FOR THIS VIOLATION AND IT WILL NOT RAISE YOUR INSURANCE RATES!

If you fail to request a trial or pay the citation within the time allowed, this jurisdiction will notify the Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) to place a flag against your vehicle record to prevent your registration from being renewed or transferred to another vehicle. The flagging fee is assessed for each flag imposed and must be paid to the MVA.

**PAYMENT OPTIONS**

**Pay by Phone:** (866) 979-4824 / TTY dial 711

**Pay by Mail:** Check or money order should be payable to: City of College Park and mailed to: PO Box 17473 Baltimore MD 21297-1473.

**TO REQUEST A COURT DATE:** You may request to appear in District Court by returning the completed form below, at least five (5) days prior to the "Due Date" shown on the front of this notice, and return it to City of College Park, PO Box 17473 Baltimore MD 21297-1473. If you appear in Court, the maximum amount you will be charged is a \$40 fine plus court costs. Follow the instructions below to request a court date. You will be notified by mail of the court date. If you do not receive a notice within 30 days, call the City of College Park, PO Box 17473 Baltimore MD 21297-1473 (866) 979-4824 / TTY dial 711.

**TO REQUEST THE PRESENCE OF THE SPEED MONITORING SYSTEM OPERATOR:** The speed monitoring system operator is not required to appear. If you want to request the presence of the operator, you must appear in court and request the presence of the operator. You are required to submit a separate request in writing no later than twenty (20) days before your scheduled hearing date. Please include the citation number on your request. Send this correspondence in an envelope marked "Operator Request" to: City of College Park, PO Box 17473 Baltimore MD 21297-1473 (866) 979-4824 / TTY dial 711.

**TRANSFER OF LIABILITY:** If you, as the registered owner, were not operating the vehicle at the time of this infraction and you wish to transfer liability, you must provide to the District Court a sworn and affirmed statement and mail by certified mail, return receipt requested. Your statement must indicate you swear or affirm that the person named in the citation was not operating the vehicle and include any corroborating evidence. All requests must be received no later than thirty (30) days after the mail date of the citation. Send your request in an envelope marked "Transfer of Liability" to: City of College Park, PO Box 17473 Baltimore MD 21297-1473.

**STOLEN VEHICLE OR REGISTRATION PLATE:** The owner MUST provide a copy of the police report for the stolen vehicle or a sworn statement that the vehicle was not stolen prior to the violation. City of College Park, PO Box 17473 Baltimore MD 21297-1473.

**REQUESTS FOR ACCOMMODATION:** Both the District Court and the Department of Police will make any reasonable accommodation for persons with disabilities. Requests should be directed to the appropriate agency prior to visiting the facility.

City of College Park, (866) 979-4824 / TTY dial 711  
District Court, (301) 699-2766 / TTY dial 711

**FOR ALL OTHER QUESTIONS CONTACT:** City of College Park, PO Box 17473 Baltimore MD 21297-1473 (866) 979-4824 / TTY dial 711

**Is this citation a "traffic ticket"?**

No. This citation is not considered a "moving violation". It is a civil citation holding the registered owner or lessee responsible for the violation (similar to a parking ticket). **NO POINTS WILL BE ASSESSED FOR THIS VIOLATION AND IT WILL NOT RAISE YOUR INSURANCE RATES.**

**Can I contest this violation?**

Yes. You may request a hearing in the District Court of Maryland by returning the completed form, at the bottom of the citation, at least five (5) days prior to the Date Due shown on the front of the notice. If you appear in Court, the maximum amount you can be charged is a \$40 fine plus court costs. You will be notified by mail of the court date. If you do not receive a notice within 30 days, please call the City of College Park processing vendor at (866) 979-4824.

You may also request an administrative review by emailing an explanation to [publicservices@collegeparkmd.gov](mailto:publicservices@collegeparkmd.gov); the subject line should read "Request Review ASE CP#####" (insert citation number).

**What do I do if my vehicle or registration plates were stolen?**

Send a copy of the police report for the stolen vehicle or plates with the Request for Court Date to the City of College Park P.O. Box 17473 Baltimore, Maryland 21297-1473.

**Will the speed monitoring system operator be present in court on my court date?**

No. The speed-monitoring operator is not required to be present in court. However, you may request the presence of an operator–representative by submitting a written request for the operator's presence no later than twenty (20) days before your scheduled court date. Please include your citation number and send in an envelope marked "Operator Request" to the City of College Park P.O. Box 17473 Baltimore, Maryland 21297-1473.

**How do I arrange for accommodations for people with disabilities?**

Both the District Court and the City of College Park will make any reasonable accommodation for people with disabilities. Requests should be directed to the appropriate agency by calling the City of College Park’s processing vendor at (866) 979-4824 or the District Court of Maryland at (301) 699-2766 prior to visiting the facility.

**What if I was not driving the vehicle?**

You must provide a notarized statement in which you swear or affirm that you were not operating the vehicle and include any corroborating evidence. The statement must include the citation number and be mailed by certified mail, return receipt requested, and be received no later than 30 days after the mail date of the citation. Send all documents to the City of College Park P.O. Box 17473 Baltimore, Maryland 21297-1473.

**I got a speed camera ticket at 3:00 p.m. on a Sunday. I thought speed cameras were only enforced from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and only within ½ mile of a school. Why did I get a ticket?**

The Maryland General Assembly amended the automated speed enforcement law in 2010 to create zones ½ mile around institutions of higher education, such as the University of Maryland. These "IHE Zones" are enforced 24/7/365.

**I got a ticket in College Park in the middle of the night. When does College Park run speed cameras?**

The City of College Park uses automated speed enforcement, speed cameras, 24/7/365, in areas within ½ mile of the University of Maryland. In other areas of the City speed cameras are used in "school zones", within ½ mile of City elementary schools, from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Monday through-Friday.

**My ticket shows photos that I think don't show my car speeding; how does the camera system work?**

The pictures on the citation serve to identify the vehicle and to demonstrate that it was in motion. They are secondary evidence and not proof of vehicle speed. The actual speed of the vehicle is measured at a fixed point 50 feet before the pictures are taken. The time/distance calculation is done as the vehicle passes through two laser beams that are lane specific. All of our equipment is calibrated by an outside independent firm once per year and is checked for accuracy on a daily basis. You are free to challenge your citation in court by following the instructions on the citation.

**Where are speed cameras used in the City of College Park?**

The City of College Park will issue citations for speed enforcement camera violations in the Institution of Higher Education (IHE) Zone (*1/2 mile from the perimeter of the University of Maryland*) 24-hours per day, 7-days per week. Cameras are located as authorized by the City Council in areas as follows:

- Baltimore Avenue (Route 1), from Beechwood Road to University Boulevard.
- Campus Drive (formerly Paint Branch Parkway) from Baltimore Avenue (Route 1) to the City limits at or about Old Calvert Road.
- Greenbelt Road from Baltimore Avenue (Route 1) to Rhode Island Avenue.
- Metzert Road within City limits from University Boulevard to Adelphi Road.
- University Boulevard (Route 193) from Rhode Island Avenue to Adelphi Road within City limits.

The City of College Park also uses automated speed enforcement systems in the school zone that is enforced Monday through Friday, from 6:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. along:

- Rhode Island Avenue from Greenbelt Road (Route 193) north to the City limits.

**How is the speed limit determined?**

The State Highway Administration (SHA) determines and posts speed limits on all state roads, such as Baltimore Avenue (Route 1), Greenbelt Road and University Boulevard (Route 193). Speed limits vary along the same road due to local conditions such as the number of uncontrolled intersections, the density of driveways and access roads, pedestrian crossings, etc.

Prince George's County Department of Public Works and Transportation (DPW&T) determines and posts speed limits on all County roads such as Metzert Road, Campus Drive (formerly Paint Branch Parkway) and Rhode Island Avenue.

**What is the speed limit?**

Speed limits were determined and posted by each jurisdiction, most before automated speed enforcement was enacted. You should look for and make note of the posted speed limit on each of the roads you travel in the City of College Park. The speed limit may change when you pass a speed limit sign, not when you can see a sign in the distance.

**Did the City of College Park change any speed limits?**

No. The State Highway Administration (SHA) reduced the posted speed limit along sections of Baltimore Avenue (Route 1) to 25 mph to enhance pedestrian safety in 2014.

**For additional information, contact the Department of Public Services at [publicservices@collegeparkmd.gov](mailto:publicservices@collegeparkmd.gov)**