TOWN OF HERNDON, VIRGINIA
TOWN COUNCIL

RESOLUTION

AUGUST 25, 2026

Resolution- to approve an additional $200 fine for speeding zone on Dranesville Road between Herndon Parkway and Park Avenue in the Town of Herndon, Virginia, pursuant to Code of Virginia §46.2-878.2 and Herndon Town Code Sec. 42-4(b) (Compliance with chapter; penalty for violation of chapter).

Dranesville Road between Herndon Parkway and Park Avenue is in a residential district with a posted speed limit of 25 miles per hour and serves residential driveways, bicycle facilities, pedestrian travel, and connections to Herndon Elementary School and Herndon High School. Traffic speed data collected by the Department of Public Works for the period of October 20 through October 24, 2025, documented 85th percentile speeds of 35 miles per hour in both the northbound and southbound directions on Dranesville Road between 3rd Street and Worchester Street.

The Town of Herndon's *Traffic Calming and Crosswalk Standards* identify an 85th percentile speed that exceeds the posted speed limit by 10 mph as an indicator that traffic calming may be appropriate. However, the street's function as a school and transit bus route, bicycle facility, and major collector limits the range of appropriate traffic calming options.

Town staff have determined that the documented speeds, school access, pedestrian and bicycle activity, roadway classification, and physical constraints on additional traffic calming measures support the establishment of an additional fine zone as a non-physical traffic calming measure. Additionally, the town's Traffic Engineering Improvement Committee (TEIC) recommends the use of stronger enforcement penalties for this location.

The Herndon Town Council is authorized under Code of Virginia §46.2-878.2 to impose an additional $200 fine for speeding in a residence district when appropriately placed signs display the maximum speed limit and the penalty for violations. Town Code Sec. 42-4 provides that the Town Council may establish increased penalty zones for certain traffic violations by a resolution adopted after public hearing.

An enhanced $200 fine for a speeding zone will provide a stronger deterrent against speeding and non-compliance in these areas, thereby promoting the safety of pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists. The Town Council finds that establishing such a zone is in the best interest of the public and is consistent with the Town's policy and goals for traffic safety.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Herndon, Virginia that:

1. An enhanced $200 fine zone is hereby established on Dranesville Road between Herndon Parkway and Park Avenue in accordance with Code of Virginia §46.2-878.2 and Town Code Sec. 42-4.

2. The Town Manager or the Town Manager's designee is authorized and directed to erect and maintain appropriate signage notifying motorists of the additional $200 fine for violations occurring within the designated zone prior to enforcement.

3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.