



Transportation, Traffic and Parking

City of New Haven

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May 6, 2025

Honorable Tyisha Walker-Myers, President
Board of Alders of the City of New Haven
165 Church Street
New Haven, CT 06510

Re: ORDINANCE AMENDMENT TO TITLE III OF THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN'S
CODE OF ORDINANCES REGARDING CHAPTER 29 – TRAFFIC AND MOTOR
VEHICLES ADDING ARTICLE VII ENTITLED "SCHOOL BUS VIOLATION
DETECTION, MONITORING, AND ENFORCEMENT SYSTEM"

Dear President Walker-Myers:

I am pleased to submit for your consideration the attached ordinance amendment to **Title III-Code of General Ordinances, Chapter 29 – Traffic and Motor Vehicles, Article VII – School Bus Violation Detection, Monitoring, and Enforcement System.**

This proposed amendment, if approved, will formally authorize the City to adopt and enforce an ordinance addressing the illegal passing of school buses, including the imposition of fines associated with such violations.

The Transportation, Traffic, and Parking Department has drafted the proposed changes pursuant to the authority under Connecticut Public Act 24-107, which took effect July 1, 2024. Connecticut Public Act 24-107 enables municipalities to enhance enforcement mechanisms; specifically, using automated monitoring systems to prevent vehicles from unlawfully passing stopped school buses. In alignment with this state statute, the City proposes to impose a civil penalty of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) on the registered owner of a motor vehicle in violation of this ordinance. Revenue collected through this ordinance shall be dedicated to improving public safety within the City, including but not limited to compensating a private vendor who shall be responsible for the installation, operation, and maintenance of the monitoring system.

By aligning our municipal code with the state statute, New Haven will reaffirm its commitment to student safety, responsible driving, and the protection of our most vulnerable road users. This ordinance represents a proactive, enforceable step toward safeguarding school children and deterring hazardous driving behavior at schools and school bus stops.

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We appreciate your leadership and consideration of this important amendment. On behalf of the department, I respectfully request that the Board of Alders approve this ordinance amendment as submitted.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'SA' with a stylized flourish.

Sandeep Aysola, Director
Transportation, Traffic, & Parking Department