Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) – Radar Speed Signs

Delaware Department of Transportation (DelDOT)

1. **What is the process for requesting a Radar Speed Sign?**
   For detailed information on this process, see the flow chart on page 2.
2. **Will a Radar Speed Sign address speeding in my community?**
   In a review of studies conducted across the country, some have shown speed reductions of up to 5 miles per hour. However, the majority of studies have shown negligible speed reductions. More information can be found in the Radar Speed Sign Policy.
3. **Where can I ask for a Radar Speed Sign to be installed?**
   A radar speed sign will typically be placed on a straight and level section of roadway not near any intersection, driveway, or existing traffic calming device. The radar speed signs use solar energy, and thus should also be placed away from buildings, trees, and other shaded areas. Freeways are not appropriate for Radar Speed Signs.
4. **Can Radar Speed Signs be installed on roadways identified as a byway?**
   There is nothing that prohibits the installation of radar speed signs on roadways identified as byways. However, the corresponding Byway Coordinator must be consulted to review the proposed installation and ensure it is consistent with byway guidelines and objectives.
5. **How much does a Radar Speed Sign cost?**
   A radar speed sign typically costs between $3,500 and $6,000.
6. **The Radar Speed Sign in my community is broken, knocked down, or vandalized. How do I get this fixed?**
   Send an email to DelDOTTrafficCalming@delaware.gov and include the location and a photo of the sign in question. If the sign is inoperable or cannot be repaired, it will be removed and requires a new sign to be funded in accordance to the Radar Speed Sign Policy.
7. **Will the Radar Speed Sign ticket vehicles that are exceeding the speed limit?**
   No, radar speed signs are only a means of reporting what speed a vehicle is traveling and does not take photographs to ticket vehicles.
8. **When can I expect the Radar Speed Sign to be installed?**
   Most radar speed signs are installed a few months after funding is approved, schedule permitting.

DelDOT Radar Speed Sign Request Process

The process for installing a Radar Speed Sign on a state-maintained roadway is as follows:

1. An HOA or citizen contacts their local legislator to discuss the installation of a radar speed sign.
2. The legislator then forwards the request to DelDOT.
3. DelDOT reviews the proposed location to determine feasibility for installation of the radar speed sign.
    a. If the proposed location is deemed unfeasible, proceed to Step 4.
    b. If the proposed location is deemed feasible, proceed to Step 5.
4. The legislator and citizen must suggest a new location for installation. New locations will be reviewed by DelDOT for feasibility of installation.
5. Funding request is submitted for the radar speed sign.
6. DelDOT installs the Radar Speed Sign at the agreed upon location.

NOTE: The preferred location for a radar speed sign is on a property line. If a radar speed sign is proposed in front of a residence, the resident should agree to have the sign installed. If the resident does not agree, other locations should be considered.

