TOWN OF WILLIAMSTON
SPEED HUMP PLACEMENT POLICY
Adopted August 1, 2022

It is the policy of the Town of Williamston (Town) to consider the placement of speed humps on residential streets in accordance with the following:

PAYMENT
"Standard" speed humps will be provided at the cost of the Town on residential streets that meet all the below listed standards and are approved by the Board of Commissioners, upon recommendation by the Public Works and Police Department, further referred to as evaluators. The number of speed humps approved in any fiscal year will be limited by the funds appropriated by the Board in the annual budget process, or as amended.

In the event that a neighborhood requests a decorative speed hump (brick patterned) be provided, the full cost of such addition must be paid for by the neighborhood and such payment must be made prior to the construction of the improvement.

QUALIFYING CRITERIA
- A street must be classified as a two-lane, local, residential street.
- A street's width must be less than or equal to 40 feet.
- The average speed should be equal to or greater than five (5) miles over the posted speed limit as determined by the Police Department
    - The Police Department will poll the petitioners as to when the highest volume of traffic occurs on the street.
    - During the high volume time identified by the petitioners, the Police Department will randomly select 3 different days where they will check the speeds of vehicles for 1 hour each day to determine the average speed.
- A petition signed by 75% of all residents of the street will be required, including adjoining streets and cul-de-sac off the street within one quarter mile of proposed hump location.
- A letter of endorsement from the neighborhood association is required, if applicable.
- Street's current speed limit must be posted as 25 m.p.h. if it is a local street
- Street should not be a primary emergency medical services route - Public Works will contact EMS, Police and Fire Departments to determine if the humps will interfere with a majority of their emergency response call.

Additional Considerations
In addition to the previously listed technical criteria, the following conditions may also be considered by the evaluators and/or Board of Commissioners when considering hump location request:
    Sight line and distance
    Curvature considerations
    Existing vegetation
    Other objects near the street surface
    Existence of Sidewalks
    Past accident history in the area
    Past speeding citations in the area

PLACEMENT CRITERIA

Should be at least 200 feet apart (average 600 - 800 feet apart).
Stop sight distance is greater than or equal to 200 feet.
Should be located at least 100 feet from an intersection.
Should try to locate on property lines.
Should try to place under street lighting for greater visibility.
Should be 5-10 feet from driveways.

PETITION PROCESS AND SCHEDULING

It is the Town's intention to construct a number of speed humps at the same time in order to obtain the most economical price to the Town. As such, qualified petitions will be presented to the evaluators for recommendation as they are received, but then held until there is, in the opinion of the Public Works Director, a sufficient number to proceed with presentation to the Board. Petitions will be "qualified" by the Town Tax Collector, who will verify that the required number of residents, based on the most current tax records, have signed the petition.

After the evaluating departments makes its recommendation, the Public Works Director will present this list to the Board, along with bids for construction. The Board may add, delete or modify the recommendations as it sees fit. Should recommended humps exceed the money appropriated in the current fiscal year, petitions may be held over until the next fiscal year.

Any neighborhood whose approved project is subject to carry over into the following year, may have their project constructed sooner by paying the Town the full and total cost of the speed hump, including any decorative aspects. In these cases, the speed hump will be included in the next contract let by the Town. There will be no refunds for humps constructed in this manner.

Hump Removal - Town Initiated

The Town may remove any speed hump or other traffic control device at any time when it is in the best interest of the Town, with Board action. Such removal will be at the expense of the Town. In cases where the Town received any payment for the hump construction, there shall be no refunds.

Hump Removal - Citizen Initiated

Citizens may initiate a request for the removal of a hump through a petition process meeting the same criteria for signatures as petition requesting a hump. Upon certification, it will be reviewed by the evaluators and a recommendation made to the Board of Commissioners. If approved, such removal will be at the expense of the Town. In cases where the Town received any payment for the hump construction, there shall be no refunds.

SPEED HUMP PETITION

We, the undersigned, request the Town of Williamston install speed humps on __ __ __ __ __ __
_____(Street) in our neighborhood.

We understand that each speed hump installed will be accompanied by **two (2) signs** and that portions of the street may have to be closed for short periods during installation. We further understand that **emergency services response time** will be marginally impacted.

A map showing the **exact location of each speed hump requested is attached.** The map needs to· be shared with all your neighbors, **particularly those fronting the proposed installations.** At least 75% of the **households** along the requested street, and any other affected streets within 1/4 mile (1,350 feet), must be represented on the petition. Only one signature from each household will be counted during validation. _

Other streets to be petitioned − − − − − − − − − − − − − − −   − − − − − − −

NAME OF LEAD PETITIONER:_____ _

ADDRESS: _____ _____

TELEPHONE #_____(DAYS)   _____ .

EVENINGS

NEIGHBORHOOD SIGNATURES (one per household please. Make as many copies as needed to show sufficient number of signatures)

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