

**CITY OF HUMBLE**

**RESOLUTION NO. 17-787**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HUMBLE, TEXAS, ESTABLISHING A  
POLICY FOR THE REQUEST, EVALUATION AND INSTALATION OF  
TRAFFIC CALMING DEVICES ON CITY OF HUMBLE RIGHTS-OF-WAY.**

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Humble, Texas finds it necessary to adopt Traffic Calming Policies to address speeding traffic and related safety concerns within neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, the City Council is committed to being a supporting partner in helping neighbors devise creative and workable ways to restore and preserve safe and peaceful streets; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it beneficial to enhance neighborhood safety and livability by working closely with neighborhoods to implement effective and cost efficient solutions relating to vehicular traffic in residential areas; now therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUMBLE TEXAS:**

Section 1: That there is hereby adopted by the City Council a Traffic Calming Policy for the purpose of establishing rules and regulations for the request, evaluation and installation of traffic calming devices, specifically, speed humps or similar devices, within or on City of Humble Public Rights-Of-Way.

Section 2: That the policy, attached to this Resolution as Exhibit A, save and except such portions as are hereinafter deleted, modified or amended, and to the same extent are hereby adopted and incorporated fully as if set out at length herein. A copy of such Policy shall be on file in the Office of the City Secretary

Section 3: That this resolution shall be effective immediately on and from the date of passage of this Resolution.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND RESOLVED this the 12<sup>th</sup> day of October 2017.

APPROVED:

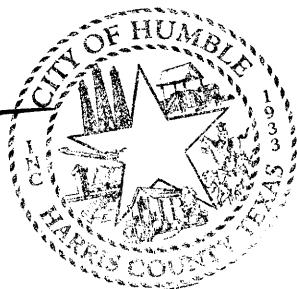


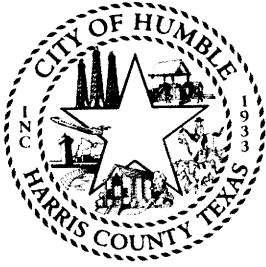
Merle Aaron  
Mayor

ATTEST:



Jason Stuebe  
City Secretary





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## **TRAFFIC CALMING POLICY**

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### **Introduction**

The City of Humble has historically received numerous requests to address speeding traffic and related safety concerns within neighborhoods. The City is committed to being a supporting partner in helping neighbors devise creative and workable ways to restore and preserve safe and peaceful streets. The City believes that this can be achieved through the use of devices or geometric features that have been labeled as “traffic calming” devices. The City, subject to the traffic calming policy, may install speed humps intended to mitigate and reduce excessive speeding within these residential areas.

### **Eligibility Criteria**

To be considered for the program, a roadway must:

1. Have a functional classification as a residential street;
2. Be a public Right-Of-Way owned and maintained by the City of Humble;
3. Have a posted speed limit of 30 MPH or less;
4. Be two-lanes wide;
5. Have an 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed of 5 MPH over the posted speed limit;
6. Have a traffic volume of at least 400 vehicles per day (average of weekdays).

### **Application**

Application may be made by submitting a letter addressed to the City Manager stating the specific street(s) in which the request is being made for. The letter may be accepted from either an individual, group of residents, or Home Owners Association. The letter must also include the primary contact’s name, address, phone number, and e-mail address.

### **Petition**

Once the letter is received by the City, the City Manager or his/her designee shall request a petition from the applicant. The petition shall state explicitly the proposed street, block number, and approximate location of the traffic calming devices. The City Manager or his/her designee shall approve the language of the petition *prior* to its dissemination. The petition must contain the signatures of at least seventy-five percent (75%) of the property owners along the street

block in which the devices are proposed to be located as well as one (1) block in either direction from the proposed location of the devices as determined by the City Manager or his/her designee.

### **Field and Traffic Studies**

Once a properly submitted petition is received and accepted, appropriate traffic data collection will begin to determine the eligibility of the roadway as stated previously in this policy. Traffic volume and speed data will be collected for a period of five (5) weekdays.

Average daily volume will be calculated using the total volume of vehicles counted over the five day period and divided by five.

The 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed will be derived from the speed data collected along with the volume data.

The field data will be evaluated and if the eligibility criteria are met, then a meeting with the applicant or neighborhood representatives will be scheduled.

### **Design and Location Standards**

Generally, speed humps will be 7-14 feet in travel length with a maximum height of three (3) to four (4) inches and constructed of rubber or similar composite material as determined by the City of Humble.

The City will determine the final location of all speed humps. Speed humps will usually be placed 200 to 600 feet apart.

Speed Humps will not be allowed in the following locations:

- In front of driveways;
- Over manholes, monitoring wells or water valves;
- Adjacent to fire hydrants;
- Near drainage inlets;
- On a vertical grade greater than 5%;
- In horizontal or vertical curves nor on approaches to these curves where visibility of the road hump is limited;
- Within 500 feet of a traffic signal, 200 feet of a stop sign or yield sign, or 100 feet of an uncontrolled intersection;
- In front of a property if the occupant objects to its placement.

Both the Police and Fire Departments must review and approve the location of speed humps.

Each speed hump will be identified with appropriate traffic control devices. These may include: pavement markings on each hump and/or warning signs.

### **Funding**

Funding for speed humps may be provided annually at the discretion of the City Council and placed within the Street Division's budget. Approved locations will be installed as funds are available on a first come, first served basis. If no city funds exist, approved locations may be funded 100% by the applicant, group of residents, or Home Owners Association. Typical costs of these types of installations may range from \$1,500 - \$2,000.

### **Petition Failure / Removal**

Any request for consideration that is received and fails to meet any of the eligibility criteria will not be eligible for reconsideration for a period of one (1) year.

Any petition that is offered to residents and fails to receive sufficient neighborhood support to proceed will not be eligible for reconsideration for a period of three (3) years.

If after two years from the date of installation, residents of the neighborhood decide that they no longer want speed humps, they can request that the traffic calming devices be removed. A minimum of 75% of the eligible residences must submit a favorable vote to remove any device which has been installed. The entire cost for removal must be paid for by the residents. Speed humps that are removed become property of the City of Humble. If speed humps are removed from a road, pursuant to this section, that road will not be eligible for new speed humps for a period of five (5) years from the date of removal.