

# **City Speed Hump Policy**

## **A. Policy Scope**

**The objective of this policy is to establish a speed hump or speed table policy whereby citizens in subdivisions and neighborhood areas may request that the City Council install speed humps on residential streets with a 25 mph speed limit. To qualify for installation of speed humps, a subdivision and neighborhood must meet the criteria set forth in this policy. Nothing herein shall restrict or preclude the ability of the City Council to undertake traffic control or traffic calming measures, including but not limited to speed humps, which become necessary or desirable in the City Council's sole discretion, irrespective of the terms of this policy.**

## **B. Speed Hump Without Formal Neighborhood Petition**

- 1. Upon a written request by a resident of the specific subdivision/neighborhood for the installation of a speed hump or speed humps, the City will investigate conditions impacting the affected street or streets. If the following conditions are met, it may warrant Council approval of the application of speed humps for purposes of traffic calming without the need for a formal neighborhood/subdivision petition:**
  - a. A local, residential road with a posted speed limit of 25 mph and a minimum length of 1000 feet, provided that at each 1000 feet in length, the roadway grades shall not exceed 10 percent in grade and horizontal curves less severe than a radius of 300 feet; or**
  - b. A local, residential road that intersects with a collector road at two points of egress, thus providing continuous movement beyond the immediate residential neighborhood; and**
  - c. The road traffic data shows that the speed is 35 mph or greater and the average daily traffic (ADT) is between 300 to 3000 vehicles; and**
  - d. Data exists documenting speeds in excess of 10 miles over the posted speed limit as set forth in the study criteria; and**
  - e. Any other evidence determined relevant by the Police Chief and Public Works Director in reviewing the travel and speed patterns of the road in question, including support from the residents of the neighborhood.**

- 2. Each property owner abutting the local, residential road shall be invited to a public information meeting to provide and receive information before a final decision is made regarding the proposed speed hump.**

### **C. Speed Hump Requiring Formal Neighborhood Petition**

**To approve application of speed humps for conditions other than those set forth above, the Council must receive the following information:**

- 1. A written request by a resident of the specific subdivision/neighborhood. If the subdivision/neighborhood has an HOA (Homeowner's Association), the written letter shall note that the HOA was contacted and must state the name of the board member notified and the date of notification. If no HOA exists, the resident must state in the written letter that he or she has spoken to several neighbors about this issue.**
- 2. Evidence that the speed on the subject road or roads consistently exceeds the posted limit as demonstrated by the use of a SMART system trailer placed on the requested road or roads for a minimum of seven days.**
- 3. After the speed hump request has been evaluated for the neighborhood/subdivision and it is determined that the speed on the subject road or roads consistently exceeds the posted limit, the City of Powder Springs will develop a speed hump layout and will schedule a public meeting. A public meeting will be held in order to provide the neighborhood/subdivision with relevant information prior to the circulation of the petition. Notices for the public meeting will be posted a minimum of 7 days prior to the meeting. At the hearing, the neighborhood/local community contact person will be recognized and given the speed hump petition. The meeting date will be the start date for the 90 day circulation period for the speed hump petition after which the speed hump petition is due back to the City of Powder Springs. Minor changes to the speed hump layout may be considered prior to the installation of the speed hump which will be based on property owner's concerns and engineering feasibility. The neighborhood contact person shall make every reasonable effort to contact and obtain a signature/vote from all property owners in the neighborhood/subdivision. Any deadline falling on a legal holiday and/or weekend, the due date shall be the next business day. After the petition is submitted to the City of Powder Springs, no changes will be allowed to preferences shown thereon. Under circumstances evaluated on a case by case basis, the City of Powder Springs may consider an extension of this 90 day speed hump petition deadline. Any requests for extension of the 90 days deadline must be made a minimum of 7 days prior to the expiration of the 90 days deadline.**

4. **When the speed hump petition is returned to the City of Powder Springs within 90 days, City staff will verify the information on the petition. Vacant lots are included. However, only neighborhood/subdivision property owners are counted as valid signatures and only one vote per lot will be allowed. To qualify for City Council consideration, each petition must meet the following criteria:**

**Speeds**

**35 to 40 mph**

**40 mph or greater**

**Lot Owners in Favor**

**65% of neighborhood/subdivision**

**65% of affected street(s)**

5. **If the petition fails to meet the speed hump criteria, those speed hump neighborhoods and subdivisions must wait a minimum of one year from the start date of the original petition in order to request another petition from the City of Powder Springs. Re-petition requests must be in writing and must meet the same requirements as detailed in this policy. For requests received within two years of the start date, a new study will not be performed and the re-petition process will begin with a public meeting. For requests received after 2 years from the original date petition start date, the re-petition process will be identical to a new request and will begin with the study phases outlined in this policy.**

## **D. City Council**

**Irrespective of the method under which a speed hump is requested, speed humps shall not be installed prior to City Council's approval.**

## **E. Speed Hump Design**

**The City of Powder Springs speed humps shall be temporary speed humps in type and shall meet the following specifications:**

1. **Materials:** Rubber temporary speed hump in type that spans the width of the paved roadway area while allowing positive drainage.

- 2. Spacing/Placement:** Multiple speed humps will be installed in a series. The spacing between speed humps shall be 200 feet minimum and 800 feet maximum. However, ideal spacing from 400 feet to 600 feet is preferred. Speed humps shall not be placed at driveways, street grade vertical alignment exceeding 10 percent and on horizontal alignment curves with radii tighter than 300 feet.
- 3. Signs/Pavement Markings:** Speed humps will be identified in accordance with the signing and pavement marking standards in the Manual On Uniform Traffic Control Devices, latest edition.
- 4. Construction of Speed humps:** Installation of speed humps will be the responsibility of the City of Powder Springs. Construction of the speed humps will not be considered to be final until the City of Powder Springs ensures that the project work is in compliance with this policy and accepts the completed project.

## **F. Removal Process**

**The City of Powder Springs will provide a petition for removal of the speed humps only upon written request. For Subdivisions/neighborhoods with functioning HOAs, the written letter must state that the HOA has been consulted and they are in favor of the removal of the speed humps. This written request must also include the name of the notified board member and the date of the contact. A similar letter is also required for subdivisions/neighborhoods without functioning HOAs. However, the person requesting removal must state in the letter that they have spoken with several of their neighbors. Removal petitions will not be provided by the City of Powder Springs until speed humps have been installed for a minimum of 5 years. At least 75 percent of the subdivision/neighborhood residents must sign the petition for removal before the matter can be brought to the City of Powder Springs City Council. Speed humps will not be removed unless approved by the City Council. The City of Powder Springs reserves the right to remove speed humps for any reason.**