



City of Pensacola

222 West Main Street
Pensacola, FL 32502

Memorandum

File #: 21-00516

City Council

6/17/2021

DISCUSSION ITEM

SPONSOR: City Council Member Sherri Myers

SUBJECT:

TRAFFIC CALMING REQUESTS, POLICY AND PROCEDURES

SUMMARY:

This item seeks to discuss the development of an ordinance or other appropriate mechanism to address the traffic calming request process.

For a citizen to request/obtain the installation of traffic calming devices, currently, Public Works requires the following:

Prior to any traffic calming devices being installed city staff must receive a petition signed by 75% or more of the owners of property which abut the roadway on which traffic calming devices are requested. Lessees of property, which abut the affected roadway, may sign the petition in lieu of the property owner if the property owner resides outside of Escambia County and grants permission to lessee in writing. Requirements for a traffic calming device include:

1. Roadway on which traffic calming devices are requested is a paved roadway.
2. Roadway has a posted speed limit of 30 MPH or less, has average daily traffic (ADT) volumes of less than 3000 vehicles per day and is not functionally classified as an arterial road...minor arterial roads may be eligible for certain traffic calming features if ADT volumes are no greater than 3000 vehicles per day.
3. Streets with ADT volumes exceeding 3000 vehicles per day may require a special evaluation and justification for approval, considering other alternative measures, where appropriate.
4. The 85th percentile speed of roadway, equals or exceeds 6 mph above the posted speed limit, and/or other safety factors are prevalent.
5. City staff determines the area is more suitable for and qualifies for a Community Traffic Management Plan an approach based on the subdivision or area layout, a meeting will be held with the stakeholders to identify the process and cost. Stakeholders may be asked to contribute to the purchase and implementation of traffic calming devices.

Exemptions:

For a traffic calming requests on roadways that are directly adjacent to a city owned parcel containing a community center or public park, the petition rule above may be waived if such request is supported and sponsored by the District Councilmember; however, all requirements of 1-5 above

must still be met.

PRIOR ACTION:

December 10, 2020 - City Council held a discussion on “Developing an Ordinance to address Traffic Calming, Such as Speed Bumps and Other Measures.”

STAFF CONTACT:

Don Kraher, Council Executive

ATTACHMENTS:

1) Traffic Calming Policy _Final_20210223(002)

PRESENTATION: No