

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
)
COUNTY OF GREENWOOD)

ORDINANCE NO. 04-024

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A POLICY AND PROCDEURES GOVERNING
THE INSTALLATION OF SPEED HUMPS WITHIN THE CITY OF GREENWOOD**

WHEREAS, many individual citizens and neighborhood groups have significant concerns about the volume and speed of traffic on their local streets; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Greenwood Police Department addresses these complaints by devoting traffic law enforcement to the extent resources will allow; and,

WHEREAS, when these efforts do not adequately address the concerns, City Council wishes to establish a policy that makes it possible for citizens to petition the City for the installation of "speed humps". Speed humps are raised areas installed on the street surface, the intent of which is to cause motorists to reduce their speeds. It is also conceivable that once installed, residents may desire to have speed humps removed; and,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Greenwood in meeting duly assembled that the following policy is hereby adopted to provide for procedures to allow individuals or groups to request installation of, or removal of, speed humps, and to establish a criteria and procedure for the City to evaluate these requests.

POLICY

The City may install or remove speed humps on city maintained streets by request, in those instances meeting the criteria and procedures of this policy. The City Council, at its discretion, may require the benefited residents to pay all or a portion of the costs for this work.

Speed humps may be installed if the requested location meets all of the following criteria:

1. The average traffic volume is less than 1,500 vehicles and more than 400 vehicles within a 24 hour period. (Average annual daily traffic)
2. 50% of surveyed motorists must exceed 30 m.p.h. and/or 30% must exceed 35 m.p.h.
or
where 50% of the streets traffic is cut-through traffic as determined by traffic counts and traffic forecasting techniques.
3. The road must be less than or equal to 36 feet in width.
4. The road must have no more than two traffic lanes.
5. The street must have a speed limit of no more than 30 m.p.h.

6. The street must be a local access residential street (not a collector or thoroughfare) in a developed area.
7. The road must have an expected decrease in traffic volume and that decrease must not significantly increase traffic on adjacent residential streets or create congestion on area collectors or thoroughfares.
8. Areas of streets for installation of speed humps must have a grade of 5% or less.

Speed humps shall not be used in the following situations:

1. Streets frequently used by emergency vehicles.
2. Streets which function as the immediate egress routes for emergency vehicles (EMS, Fire, Police).
3. Bus routes.
4. Intended truck routes.
5. Areas of street with sharp curves.
6. Streets that immediately abut school property or park property.
7. For liability purposes, individuals or groups requesting speed humps on streets not maintained by the City shall be referred to the South Carolina Department of Transportation.
8. Any other situation where the usage of speed humps is shown to be inappropriate by an in depth traffic study.

Speed hump removal requests will be considered following the same process as speed hump installation requests.

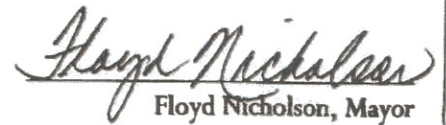
PROCEDURES

Requests for speed hump installation and removal will be processed by the City Manager's Office. Individuals or groups requesting speed humps must comply with the following procedures:

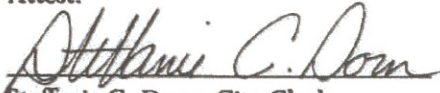
1. Requests shall be submitted to the City Manager's Office in the form of a petition. Petition forms will be supplied by the City of Greenwood. The City Manager or his designee will define the petition district when the form is issued. The district limits will define the number of properties involved. Prior to petition issuance, the City Manager or his designee will verify compliance with the above criteria by the subject street.
2. The petitions will be circulated by project proponents. When a support level of at least 50% is achieved (as determined on a dwelling unit basis; rental apartment buildings shall be recognized as one dwelling unit), the petition shall be returned to the City Manager's Office for evaluation/verification of signatures.
3. If the City Manager's review defines that the threshold level of support has been achieved, a ballot-by-mail process will be implemented for the same project district. Ballots will be mailed and accepted for a period of 12 working days after the mailing as verified by postmarks.

4. The City Manager will tabulate the results of the petition process. If a 75% support level of the total properties within the defined district is achieved (as determined on a dwelling unit basis, rental apartment buildings shall be recognized as one dwelling unit), then the City Manager shall advise City Council of the results. Unreturned ballots will be counted as being opposed to the proposed action.
5. The City Council will conduct a public hearing to make a final determination on whether or not to implement the proposed work. Written notification of the City Council's final decision shall be mailed to each property unit address.

Approved this 20th day of Sept. 2004.


Floyd Nicholson, Mayor

Attest:


Stefanie C. Dorn, City Clerk

First Reading: August 16, 2004

Second Reading: September 20, 2004

