

COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF RIVERDALE PARK

RESOLUTION 2013-R-05

Introduced By: Councilmember Christopher Henry

Date Introduced: February 4, 2013

Date Adopted: February 4, 2013

Date Effective: February 4, 2013

A Resolution concerning

SPEED HUMP INSTALLATION

FOR the purpose of repealing Resolution 2012-R-20; adopting certain revised policies, criteria and procedures for the installation of speed humps on local residential streets in the Town of Riverdale Park; and generally relating to the use of speed humps as traffic calming measures in the Town.

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SECTION 1: BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF RIVERDALE PARK, that Resolution 2012-R-20, adopted on January 7, 2013 is hereby repealed.

SECTION 2: AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF RIVERDALE PARK, that it hereby approves and adopts the "Town of Riverdale Park Speed Hump Installation Policy January 1, 2013" attached to this Resolution and incorporated by reference.

SECTION 3: AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF RIVERDALE PARK, that this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage by the Council.

ATTEST:

COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF
RIVERDALE PARK



Sara Imhulse, Town Administrator



Vernon Archer, Mayor

**TOWN OF RIVERDALE PARK
SPEED HUMP INSTALLATION POLICY
January 1, 2013**

§ 1. STATEMENT OF POLICY.

(A) Speed humps are one of many available and accepted traffic calming devices suitable for installation on residential streets in the Town. Installation of speed humps on streets other than local residential streets could have potentially severe traffic safety consequences, adversely affect emergency services and other service delivery activities, and likely create the diversion of large amounts of through traffic onto local residential streets which were not intended for that purpose. Therefore, the Town will not consider installation of speed humps for streets that are classified as collector (local) streets or higher, or which are determined to provide a transportation service to a broader area beyond the immediate abutting residences.

(B) The purpose of this article is to establish the circumstances and criteria under which speed humps will be considered for installation on a residential street in the Town.

§ 2. MINIMUM CRITERIA FOR INSTALLATION.

(A) The Town may install speed humps on a local residential street should the following criteria be met:

(1) The Director of Public Works has investigated and rejected other less intrusive speed calming measures as infeasible or ineffective.

(2) The street carries fewer than 2500 vehicles per day.

(3) The street has a posted speed limit of 25 mph or less as determined in accordance with state law.

(4) The street has not more than one traffic lane in each direction.

(5) The street is not designated as a truck route or a PUBLIC transit route.

(6) The portion of the street for which a speed hump is proposed has a grade of six percent (6%) or less.

(7) The street has adequate vertical and horizontal alignment and sight

distances to allow for safe installation of a speed hump, as determined by the Director of Public Works.

(8) The street is not a primary access route for emergency vehicles and feedback has been received from the Town's emergency response providers, on the impact of the speed hump on service delivery.

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§ 3. CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS.

Where the Director of Public Works determines that a local residential street satisfies the requirements of § 2 of this Policy, the Director shall be guided by the following standards in the installation of one or more speed humps on that street:

(A) Speed humps should be installed on logical segments of the street, separated from each other by approximately 300 feet. A logical segment is a portion of a street between arterial streets or between natural discontinuities, such as jogs in the street.

(B) Speed humps should not normally be installed in isolated blocks along a continuous street, or on a cul-de-sac less than 800 feet long.

§ 4. INITIATION OF SPEED HUMP INSTALLATION BY TOWN.

Subject to the availability of funds in the Town's budget, the Town, upon its own initiative, may install one or more speed humps on a local residential street if the Director of Public Works determines that the requirements of § 2 and § 3 of this Policy are satisfied.

§ 5. SPEED HUMP INSTALLATION UPON REQUEST OF OWNERS AND RESIDENTS.

The Town may install a speed hump on a local residential street upon request of abutting owners and neighborhood residents in accordance with the procedures set forth in § 6 through § 8 of this Policy.

§ 6. INITIATION OF SPEED HUMP INSTALLATION REQUEST PROCESS.

(A) A representative of a local residential street who believes the residents on that street will support the installation of a speed hump may submit a written request for installation of one or more speed humps to the Director of Public Works. The Director shall process requests in the order in which the Director receives them.

(B) After receiving a written request, and after consulting with the Town's police chief and other emergency responders, the Director of Public Works shall make a determination as to whether the street satisfies the criteria set forth in § 2 of this Policy.

(C) If the Director of Public Works determines that a street does not satisfy the criteria set forth in § 2 of this Policy, the Director shall provide written notification of the Director's determination to the representative who submitted the request. The written notification shall specify the reason for the determination.

(D) Within fifteen (15) days after the date of the Director's determination, the representative may appeal the Director's determination to the Town Council's Public Works Committee. An appeal must be timely delivered in writing to the Town Administrator and must set forth the basis for the appeal. The Public Works Committee shall consider the appeal in light of the criteria set forth in § 2 of this Policy, and either affirm, reverse or modify the Director's determination. The Committee's decision shall be in writing and shall specify the reason for the decision.

(E) If the representative is not satisfied with the decision of the Public Works Committee, the representative may take a further appeal to the Town Council within fifteen (15) days after the date of the Committee's decision. An appeal of the Public Works Committee's decision must be timely delivered in writing to the Town Administrator and must set forth the basis for the appeal. The decision of the Town Council shall be final.

§ 7. FURTHER PROCEDURES UPON DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY.

(A) Upon a determination under § 6 of this Policy that a street satisfies the criteria set forth in § 2, the Director of Public Works shall advise the representative to submit a petition, upon a form provided by the Town, requesting installation of one or more speed humps, and designating the location of each proposed speed hump.

(B) The Town should not consider a petition requesting the installation of a speed hump or speed humps unless the petition has been signed by:

(1) The adult residents of all lots immediately adjacent to each proposed speed hump; and

(2) Adult residents of at least eighty percent (80%) of the dwelling units within two blocks in both directions from each proposed speed hump.

(C) After Director of Public Works receives a petition, the Director shall verify that the petition contains the number of signatures required by subsection (B) of this Section. If the petition contains the required number of signatures, the Director shall

submit the petition to the Town Council's Public Works Committee for consideration. The Town Administrator shall make a good faith effort to notify property owners of lots immediately adjacent to the proposed speed hump that a petition has been submitted for consideration to the Public Works Committee. The Public Works Committee may conduct a Public hearing before deciding whether or not to recommend installation of one or more speed humps as requested by the petition. The Committee shall submit its recommendation to the Town Council for final action on the proposal. The decision of the Town Council shall be final.

(C) The installation of one or more speed humps approved by the Town Council is subject to funding as provided in § 8 of this Policy.

§ 8. FUNDING OF SPEED HUMP INSTALLATIONS.

A speed hump may not be installed unless funds for the installation are available in the Town's budget. Installations shall be funded in the order that the Town Council approved the installations as funding becomes available, unless the Town Council determines that conditions on a particular street, as demonstrated by speed or accident statistics, require that speed hump installation on that street be given greater priority.