

TOWN OF CHEVY CHASE SPEED HUMP POLICY

Under the provisions of the Town Charter, the Town Manager is authorized to construct, maintain, or remove speed humps on Town streets as directed by the Town Council. This document describes the decision process and lists the general standards followed by the Town in considering the construction or removal of speed humps.

REQUESTS FOR SPEED HUMPS

Requests for speed humps to be installed may be originated by petition of Town residents; by the management of public facilities adjacent to Town streets; or by the Town Council.

- **PETITION FOR SPEED HUMP CONSTRUCTION BY RESIDENTS:**
Town residents residing within a street segment or multiple contiguous street segments (a street segment is a section of street between two intersections) may petition the Town to consider the installation of one or more speed humps within that street segment or multiple segments. The petition should contain signatures from a majority of the households residing within the street segment or multiple segments.
- **REQUESTS FOR SPEED HUMPS ADJACENT TO PUBLIC FACILITIES**
Requests for speed humps on streets associated with or adjacent to public facilities such as parks and schools may be made in writing to the Town Council by the official responsible for the management of the facilities. The Town Council will decide whether to consider such requests.
- **COUNCIL DIRECTED REQUESTS FOR SPEED HUMPS**
The Town Council may direct the Town Manager to perform a feasibility analysis for the installation of a speed hump on any street segment within the Town.

ENGINEERING REVIEW AND EVALUATION

FEASIBILITY ANALYSIS OF SPEED HUMP REQUESTS

Upon receipt of a qualifying petition by Town residents, or if directed by the Town Council, the Town Manager will evaluate the street segment(s) to identify and recommend appropriate locations, if any, for the potential speed hump(s).

The Town has adopted the following standards to determine whether a speed hump is feasible:

- Humps will not be installed within 150 feet of a STOP sign, traffic signal, or small-radius curve.
- Humps will not be installed within 50 feet of an intersection without a STOP sign or traffic signal.
- Humps will not be installed, partially or wholly, within the projection of a private

driveway entrance.

- Humps will not be installed atop any utility manhole, valve enclosure, or other underground utility access point.
- Humps will not be installed near a hill crest that would obstruct a driver's view of a hump or pedestrians from less than 200 feet, or on slopes having grades exceeding eight percent.
- The minimum spacing between humps is 200 feet.
- Traffic safety, on-street parking, emergency service access, other proposed improvements, and traffic engineering best practices will also be considered.

The Town Manager shall provide a report to the Town Council detailing the findings and recommendations regarding the placement of new speed humps.

The results of the feasibility study will be available to the public.

TRAFFIC ANALYSIS REVIEW

If the Town Manager determines that there is a feasible location for speed humps, the Town Manager will commission a traffic study, no less than a week in duration, to determine traffic volume and speed at the location of the requested hump(s).

The street segment in question must generally meet either of the following criteria to qualify for the installation of the speed hump; however, the Council may approve installation of a speed hump that does not meet these requirements if they find significant mitigating factors in support of the request:

- A minimum of 120 vehicles per day exceeding 25 mph on the second highest volume day of the week measured, or
- A minimum of 20 vehicles exceeding 25 mph during any hour of the day on the second highest volume day of the week measured.

The results of the traffic study will be available to the public.

COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

Following review of the record of the request, the Council may:

- Decide to not proceed with further consideration of the request; or
- Schedule the request for public hearing.

If the speed hump has been requested by petition of residents, all households within the street segment will be provided with an update of the Council's decision.

PUBLIC HEARING

Prior to the installation of any speed hump, the Council will hold a public hearing. The

Town shall provide sufficient written notice of the public hearing to those residents on the street segment(s) of the speed hump request and will use other available communication means to also inform all Town residents.

Following the public hearing and consideration of the record of the request, the Town Council will make a final decision as to the construction of the speed hump(s). The Town will notify residents residing in the street segment of the Council's decision.

PROCEDURE FOR SPEED HUMP REMOVAL

This process may be initiated by the same parties listed above. A petition containing signatures from a majority of the households within a street segment should be submitted to the Town, specifying the speed hump(s) to be considered for removal and state the reason(s) for the request.

Removal of speed humps should be considered only after a review to determine its impact on surrounding streets. Recently constructed speed hump(s) should remain in place for a reasonable period before removal is considered.

If the Town Council determines that removal of a speed hump may be warranted, then the Town will hold a public hearing to consider the removal. The Town will provide sufficient written notice of the public hearing to those residents on the street segment subject to the speed hump request and will use other available communication means to inform all Town residents.

Following the public hearing and consideration of the record of the request, the Town Council will make a final decision regarding the removal of the speed hump(s). The Town will notify residents residing in the street segment of the Council's decision.

If unforeseen safety considerations arise following the installation of a speed hump, the Council may remove a speed hump without following this process. Involving residents in the decision is strongly recommended.

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