

POLICY ON SPEED HUMPS

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines for the installation of speed humps along local residential streets within Miami-Dade County.

POLICY:

Speed humps will be considered, on a case-by-case basis, and only on local residential streets which meet the following criterion:

CRITERION:

- The street must be a local residential street.
- The street shall not have more than one traffic lane in each direction.
- The street must be at least 750 feet long, with no intersecting roadways in between.
- Traffic volumes on the street must equal or exceed 750 vehicles per day.
- The street is posted at or has a speed limit of 30MPH or less.
- The traffic engineering study has determined that the 85th percentile speed on the street is at least 10MPH over the speed limit.
- The speed humps will not be considered within 250 feet of a traffic signal, within 50 feet of an intersection, in front of a driveway, within an intersection or adjacent to fire hydrants.
- The speed humps will not be considered in, or on the approaches, to a horizontal or a vertical curve where visibility of the hump is restricted.
- The street should not be located along an emergency response route, Regional Transit or school bus route and must be approved by the respective agencies for the installation of speed humps.
- Installation of these devices shall not cause the traffic to divert to other neighborhood streets.
- 2/3 of the property owners of the block(s) shall concur with the installation of the speed hump.
- The applicant agrees to pay for the cost of design and the installation of the speed humps, along with the associated signage and pavement markings.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

- Individual residents, neighborhood associations or the entity having municipal jurisdiction over the area may initiate the request for speed hump installation. The applicant must submit a request, in writing, to the Chief of the Traffic Engineering Division, Miami-Dade Public Works Department, 111 NW 1st Street, Suite 1510, Miami, Florida, 33128-1970.
- After a request for speed humps is received, the Traffic Engineering Division will conduct an initial study to determine if the street meets the aforementioned criterion for the installation of speed humps, or if other measures may be taken to resolve the residents' traffic concerns.
- If the criterion is not met, the street will not be considered for speed humps and the applicant(s) will be notified of the denial.
- If after the initial study, it is determined that the street qualifies for speed hump installation, a petition packet consisting of the speed hump petition, a verification statement for the contact person and an endorsement statement for the neighborhood association will be mailed to the applicant(s). The project applicant(s) will be responsible for circulating the petition in the pertinent area.
- Once the approved petition, completed verification statement, and endorsement statement from the neighborhood association (if applicable) is received, the applicant will be notified of the approval or denial of the request.
- If approval is granted, the applicant may hire a traffic engineering consultant to design the speed hump(s) and must submit plans to the Traffic Engineering Division for review and approval.
- Upon approval, the applicant may hire a licensed contractor and proceed with the installation of the permanent traffic calming devices, upon acquiring the necessary approval and permits from the appropriate entities.
- The initial installation will be allowed for a 6-month trial period. The final determination on the retention/removal of the hump(s) will be made at the expiration of the trial period.
- If the determination is made to remove the hump(s), then the County, at no cost to the residents, will remove said device(s).

PETITION PROCESS:

- To initiate a request for speed humps, a petition signed by at least 10% of the residents of the block (within 1000 feet) on which these devices are requested, is required.
- To initiate a design and installation process, a petition signed by at least two-thirds (2/3) of the adjacent property owners (one per unit) of the block within 1000 feet, is required in support of the installation of speed humps. (Refer to attached sample petition).
- A verification statement from the contact person confirming that the signatures on the speed hump petition are valid and represent at least two-thirds (2/3) of the households adjacent to the project street (refer to attached verification statement) is required.
- A statement from the neighborhood association endorsing speed hump installation on the project (refer to attached sample endorsement letter) is required. In the absence of a neighborhood association, the petition area may be extended to include nearby streets, which may receive an increase in traffic, as a result of this project.

SPEED HUMP REMOVAL AND ALTERATION:

The process for speed hump alteration or removal, requested by the residents, is similar to the process for installation, except that the County will not be responsible for any associated costs. A petition approved by the neighborhood association, documenting that at least two-thirds (2/3) of all property owners (one per unit) adjacent to the speed hump street are in favor of the speed hump removal, will be required.

In case the Public Works Department determines that an unforeseen problem exists as a result of the hump, the device may be redesigned or removed by the County. In such a case, the County will bear the full cost of the speed hump removal.

MIAMI-DADE VERIFICATION STATEMENT TO REQUEST SPEED HUMP(S)

There are a total of _____ properties adjacent to _____ between _____ and _____. There are _____ valid signatures on the speed hump petition which represent _____ percent of the properties adjacent to the street within the section referenced above. I verify that the signatures on the speed hump petition are valid and only one signature per household/business has been considered in the above referenced percentage.

Date: _____

(Signature of Contact Person)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Please return the completed verification statement to:

Chief, Traffic Engineering Division
Miami-Dade County Public Works Department
111 NW 1st Street, Suite 1510
Miami, Florida 33128



ENDORSEMENT STATEMENT TO REQUEST SPEED HUMPS

In a meeting held on the ____ day of _____, 19 ____ the _____ Neighborhood Association approved and endorsed the speed hump project on _____ from _____ to _____

The association acknowledges that because of installation of speed humps on the above mentioned street there may be an increase in traffic on nearby streets.

The contact person has confirmed that signatures on the speed hump petition are valid and represent two-thirds of the households adjacent to the speed hump street within the section mentioned above.

Date: _____

1. Signature: _____

Name: _____

Position: _____

2. Signature: _____

Name: _____

Position: _____

Please return the completed endorsement to:

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