



CITY COMMISSION ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION

TITLE: Ordinance 25-04 (Utilities)

DATE: January 28, 2025

DESCRIPTION: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA; AMENDING CHAPTER 17 OF THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES ENTITLED "TRAFFIC AND MOTOR VEHICLES" BY SPECIFICALLY AMENDING SECTION 17-37 ENTITLED "PRIVATE ROADS" OF ARTICLE IV ENTITLED "TRAFFIC CALMING DEVICES"; AMENDING THE PROCESS AND REQUIREMENTS TO INSTALL TRAFFIC CALMING DEVICES ON PRIVATE ROADS WITHIN RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITIES; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDATION:

The City Manager recommends amending Section 17-37 "Private Roads" of Article IV, of the City's Code of Ordinances. This amendment proposes the repeal of the existing regulations pertaining to the installation of traffic calming devices on private roads within residential communities in their entirety and the adoption of revised regulations that streamline the process and requirements to install such traffic calming devices. The updated regulations aim to make it easier for Homeowner Associations (HOAs) and Community Development Districts (CDDs) to obtain City approval and install certain types of traffic calming devices on private roads.

BACKGROUND OF ITEM:

At the request of several private communities concerned about the time and cost involved in obtaining City approval for the installation of traffic calming devices under the current Code, the City Commission directed staff on January 10, 2023, to evaluate the approval process and propose improvements. Staff engaged The Corradino Group, Inc. to conduct an analysis and provide recommendations. However, their suggestions unfortunately resulted in a more cumbersome process rather than a streamlined one.

In response, staff has collaborated with the legal department to simplify the process. The attached ordinance reflects the outcome of this effort.

ANALYSIS:

The approval of this Ordinance will provide the following benefits:

1. **Clearer Process for Private Communities:** Streamlines the application process to install traffic calming devices for homeowner associations (HOAs) and community development districts (CDDs);
2. **Structured Pre-Application Meeting:** The required pre-application meeting with the City Engineer helps ensure applicants understand the process and requirements upfront;
3. **Comprehensive Documentation:** The application process includes detailed documentation, such as letters of support, a governing board resolution, and an indemnification agreement, which ensures better community involvement and legal clarity;
4. **Defined Criteria for Approval:** The version clearly outlines approval criteria based on traffic engineering analysis, including factors like road classification, traffic volume, and safety, reducing ambiguity in decision-making;
5. **Safety Focus:** The analysis of traffic calming impacts and the rejection of unsafe devices ensures that the chosen solutions won't compromise road safety;
6. **Set Application Fee:** The fixed \$750 application fee simplifies budgeting for the application process and ensures funds are available for the City's review and analysis;
7. **Post-Approval Guidelines:** It establishes clear guidelines for installation, including requirements for approved manufacturers, contractors, and compliance with traffic control standards, helping maintain quality and consistency in traffic calming solutions.

These advantages make the process more transparent, manageable, and tailored to the needs of residential communities.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Ordinance 25-04
2. Chapter 17 – Article VI Traffic Calming Devices
3. Speed Hump Detail