

ARTICLE V. - TRAFFIC CALMING

DIVISION 1. - GENERALLY

Sec. 86-350. - Criteria.

To be eligible for consideration for traffic calming measures, a residential street must meet all of the following criteria:

- (1) The street is publicly dedicated, maintained by the city and located within a residential zoning district;
- (2) The area to be traffic calmed is at least 800 feet in length, between intersections;
- (3) The street is not an alley or a dead-end;
- (4) The street is not part of a bus route, a detour route, an evacuation route and/or an important access route for emergency vehicles;
- (5) Traffic counts on the street are more than 600 but less than 3,000 vehicles per day;
- (6) There must be written support from at least 75 percent of the residents and/or business owners whose properties front the area proposed to be traffic calmed, and such support must include 51 percent of the actual property owners.

(Ord. No. 3805-04, § 2, 12-6-2004)

Sec. 86-351. - Final authority of commission.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this article, the city commission retains the right to initiate, approve, deny or remove any traffic calming measure or appurtenant landscaping on any street within the city limits.

(Ord. No. 3805-04, § 2, 12-6-2004)

Secs. 86-352—86-369. - Reserved.

DIVISION 2. - TRAFFIC CALMING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Sec. 86-370. - Establishment of traffic calming advisory committee.

The traffic calming advisory committee is hereby established as an advisory body to the city.

(Ord. No. 3805-04, § 2, 12-6-2004)

Sec. 86-371. - Members; appointment; term.

The traffic calming advisory committee shall consist of seven members who shall be appointed by the mayor. Members shall include the following from city staff: director of public works, one member from engineering services, a transportation planner, the operations and maintenance superintendent (streets), a fire department representative, and a police traffic operations representative. One member shall be a citizen who resides within the city, appointed by the mayor, who shall serve without compensation. Where possible, the resident member shall rotate each term among the different neighborhoods. The mayor may appoint other staff to attend and participate in meetings but such persons shall not vote. Members of the committee shall be appointed for a term of three years, unless removed by the mayor. Any vacancy shall be filled by the mayor for the remainder of the unexpired term. Members shall be deemed to continue to hold office until a successor has been appointed.

(Ord. No. 3805-04, § 2, 12-6-2004; Ord. No. 4834-19, § 1, 3-25-2019)

Sec. 86-372. - Organization.

- (a) One member from engineering services shall serve as chair of the traffic calming advisory committee and shall call meetings as necessary and shall preside at its meetings. The committee may formulate rules, regulations and procedures for the conduct of its business. The transportation planner shall serve as vice-chair of the traffic calming advisory committee and shall preside in the absence of the chair.
- (b) All meetings shall be open to the public. The committee shall keep a record of its discussions, findings regarding each application, ranking recommendations and other official actions. All records of meetings shall be public record and available from the public utilities department.

(Ord. No. 3805-04, § 2, 12-6-2004; Ord. No. 4834-19, § 1, 3-25-2019)

Sec. 86-373. - Duties and responsibilities.

The duties and responsibilities of the traffic calming advisory committee shall include the following:

- (1) To review all applications for traffic calming measures to ensure that all applications comply with the criteria established in the Code of Ordinances;
- (2) To adopt procedures for the review and evaluation of applications for traffic calming measures;
- (3) To recommend to the city commission approval or disapproval of applications for traffic calming measures;
- (4) To evaluate and make recommendations to the city commission as to the traffic calming measure recommended for approval;
- (5) To evaluate and make recommendations to the city commission as to the priority of applications for traffic calming recommended for approval;
- (6) To ensure that traffic calming measures will not block access to fire hydrants or impair travel for fire, rescue or solid waste vehicles.

(Ord. No. 3805-04, § 2, 12-6-2004)

DIVISION 3. - PROCESS

Sec. 86-374. - Application; review cycles.

- (a) Applications for traffic calming will be handled on a bi-annual review cycle. Applications for traffic calming will only be accepted during the months of April and October each year.
- (b) Requests for traffic calming measures shall be made only on application forms approved by the traffic engineer accompanied by payment of the application fee. The city reserves the discretion to deny any application for traffic calming measures.
- (c) Notwithstanding the foregoing, the city commission retains the right to initiate, approve, deny or remove any traffic calming measure or appurtenant landscaping on any street within the city limits.

(Ord. No. 3805-04, § 2, 12-6-2004)

Sec. 86-375. - Procedure.

Timely filed applications for traffic calming will be reviewed for completeness. Accepted applications will be reviewed and evaluated by the traffic calming advisory committee. The recommendations of the traffic calming advisory committee will be considered by the city commission at a public meeting. The city may deny any applications for traffic calming measures. The city may approve traffic calming measures other than those requested. Installation of traffic calming measures shall be made in accordance with state law and city ordinances.

(Ord. No. 3805-04, § 2, 12-6-2004)

Sec. 86-376. - Removal of traffic calming measures.

Requests for removal of installed traffic calming measures shall follow the same procedure as applications for such measures and shall be reviewed by the traffic calming advisory committee and approved by the city commission. Removal of installed traffic calming measures shall be at the expense of the party requesting removal.

(Ord. No. 3805-04, § 2, 12-6-2004)

Sec. 86-377. - Landscaping.

- (a) The feasibility of landscaping traffic calming measures shall be determined by the traffic calming advisory committee and approved by the city commission.
- (b) Landscaping of traffic calming measures shall be in accordance with a plant palette established by the director of planning and zoning based on the plant materials and specifications set forth in chapter 94 of the City Code of Ordinances.
- (c) The applicant requesting traffic calming will be expected to donate the approved landscaping materials.
- (d) The residents and/or businesses with property within 100 feet of and fronting the traffic calmed area must

agree to maintain the landscaping in accordance with the City Code of Ordinances.

- (e) In the event the installed landscaping within the traffic calming measure is not maintained in accordance with the requirements of chapters 78 and 94 of the City Code of Ordinances, the director of public utilities may recommend removal of the landscaping to the city commission and shall provide written notice to the residents and/or business owners with property within 100 feet of and fronting the traffic calmed area that such recommendation will be made to the city commission and providing the meeting date. Such notice shall be given least ten prior to the date of the city commission meeting.
- (f) If the city determines that the landscaping obstructs the view of traffic, creates other traffic hazards or creates a public safety concern, the mayor shall have the authority to direct removal of the landscaping.

(Ord. No. 3805-04, § 2, 12-6-2004)

Secs. 86-378—86-429. - Reserved.