

Beaufort County - Traffic Calming Policy

June 11, 2013

1. Process starts with written request from Homeowners Association or residential neighborhood group.
2. Traffic Engineering Staff will meet with neighborhood representatives to discuss study need, study scope and neighborhood limits
3. Traffic Engineering Department conducts study of neighborhood. Study may include
 - a. Speed studies using radar gun
 - b. Traffic Counts
 - c. Signing evaluation and appropriateness
 - d. Accident Analysis
 - e. Pedestrian Access evaluation
 - f. Intersection and Corridor Condition Diagrams
4. Once data collected, evaluation completed to determine demonstrated need and applicability
5. For Speed Humps and Speed Tables, the following conditions must exist:
 - a. Posted speed limit of 30 mph or less
 - b. Speed study demonstrates need with 85% speed greater than 10 mph over posted
 - c. Volume less than 2,500 vehicles per day
 - d. Roadway classified as either Local or Minor Collector
 - e. Location will not have significant interruption of emergency services
 - f. Neighborhood agrees to share in funding of improvements
6. For other calming devices, the following conditions must exist:
 - a. Posted speed limit of 35 mph or less
 - b. Speed study demonstrates need with 85% speed greater than 10 mph over posted
 - c. Volume less than 3,500 vehicles per day
 - d. Roadway classified as either Local or Minor Collector
 - e. Location will not have significant interruption of emergency services
 - f. Neighborhood agrees to share in funding and/or maintenance of improvements
7. Proposed Traffic Calming Plan must be approved by 75 percent of those owning real property within the residential development
8. Proposed traffic calming plan and requisite budget are given necessary Committee/County Council approval.
9. Expenditure of traffic calming funds on first come first serve basis as funds permit.
10. Traffic calming features may include the following:
 - a. Speed humps
 - b. Speed tables (raised crosswalks)
 - c. Roadway narrowing (Chicanes)
 - d. Mini traffic circles
 - e. On-street Parking bump-outs
 - f. Pavement markings and signing based on guidance of MUTCD
11. Follow-up Study will be completed 3-12 months after traffic calming plan has been enacted to determine compliance and results.

County Council approval August 26, 2013