

## SPEED HUMP POLICY

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**Purpose.** To reduce excessive speeds on residential streets to ensure the safety of pedestrians, cyclists, and animals. There is increasing disregard for signed restrictions such as speed limit and stop signs. The installation of speed humps has been shown to slow traffic, but it is not a guarantee that the street is a safe place for children to play. Streets exist primarily for the passage of motor vehicles, hence residents, both adults and children, should exercise care when in the roadway.

**Definition of speed humps.** A speed hump is a traffic calming device used to reduce speeds on residential streets. Typically 3 - 4 inches high and spanning the width of the road, they may be rounded or flat topped sections of rubber, asphalt or concrete.

**Installation criteria.** Speed humps will only be installed when the following conditions are met:

- A. There is a demonstrated traffic, safety or speeding problem and other measures will not address the problem.
- B. The location is a two lane residential street.
- C. The installation has been reviewed and approved by the Winslow Town Council.

**General Conditions.** The following general conditions will be considered before approving the installation of speed humps.

- A. A motorist should have adequate sight distance to react to speed humps.

- B. Speed humps will be placed only over clear, unencumbered paving (no manholes, etc).
- C. The speed hump will be located downstream from a drainage inlet if at all possible.
- D. The speed hump should be placed near existing lighting if possible.
- E. The speed hump will not be placed in front of a driveway.
- F. The speed hump will not be placed in an intersection.
- G. Speed humps will only be placed on streets where traffic speeds are intended to be low.
- H. Speed humps will not be placed on streets that are defined or used as primary emergency vehicle access routes; those routes used by emergency vehicles to cross large parts of the community or on paths logically used to service large numbers of potential destinations.
- I. Speed humps should not be placed on streets with downgrades exceeding 5% approaching the speed hump side.

**Signage.** All speed humps will have signage in compliance with the Indiana Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

**Neighborhood support.**

- A. The roadway segment on which the speed hump is to be placed must have neighborhood support. One vote per property owner is allowed.
- B. 75% of the property owners directly affected by the speed hump must approve its placement. Generally, the “directly affected” area will consist of homes that do not have the option of avoiding the proposed device.

**Installation process.**

- A. The initial request for installation of a speed hump must originate from a resident “applicant” of a property on the candidate street.
- B. The request must be presented in writing to the Winslow Town Council with documentation of neighborhood acceptance.

- C. The request will be evaluated to determine if all conditions are met.
- D. In the event an applicant's request is denied, a repeat application may be made in one year's time.

**Removal or modification of speed humps.** If in the future, residents desire the removal of a speed hump, removal will only be considered after the receipt of a petition from a substantial majority (75% or more) asking for the removal, along with sufficient funds (approximately \$1,000.00 per hump).

The Town of Winslow may remove any or all of the speed humps at any time for safety reasons at no cost to the abutting property owners.

The Town of Winslow reserves the right to withdraw and/or amend this policy at any time.

**Construction of Clause Headings.** The clause headings appearing herein have been provided for convenience and reference and do not purport and shall not be deemed to define, limit or extend the scope of intent of the clause to which they appertain.

**Repeal of conflicting Ordinances.** The provisions of all other Town ordinances in conflict with the provisions hereof, if any, are of no further force or effect and are hereby repealed.

**Severability.** If any part of the Ordinance shall be held invalid, such part shall be deemed severable and the invalidity thereof shall not affect the remainder of the Ordinance.

**Duration and Effective Date.** The provisions of this Ordinance shall become and remain in full force, following the date of its passage and adoption upon its signature by the Town's executive in the manner prescribed by I.C. 36-5-2-10 (a).

## Town of Winslow Speed Hump Application

Contact Information	
Name _____	Address _____
Phone number (s) _____	E-mail _____
Signature of Applicant _____	Date _____

<b>Location of Problem</b>
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<b>Description of Problem</b> (attach separate page if necessary)
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<b>Requested Solution</b> (i.e., number and/or location of speed humps)
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<b>Town Use Only</b>		
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<b>Date Received</b>	<b>Received By</b>	
_____	_____	
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Approved</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Denied</b>	<b>Action Date</b> _____

