



City Council

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An Ordinance Amending Chapter 385 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Springfield, 1986, as Amended, by Adding Article Xi Thereof ord. No. ____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 385 OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, 1986, AS AMENDED, BY ADDING ARTICLE XI THEREOF

ORD. NO. ____

Be it ordained by the Council of the City of Springfield, as follows:

Chapter 385, VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, of the Code of the City of Springfield, is hereby amended by adding Article XI thereto to state as follows:

ARTICLE XI

§385-53. Speed Hump Petition.

Petition to the Board of Public Works and subject to City Council final approval required: No speed hump shall be installed or established within a public way, except upon petition to the Board of Public Works signed by at least two-thirds of the property owners (as listed with the Springfield Board of Assessors) or two-thirds of the registered voters (as listed with the Springfield Election Commission) within the “impacted segment” of a proposed speed hump street. As part of the petition process, the petitioner must submit appropriate mapping showing the exact location of the proposed speed hump location with the support of the property owner(s) who are immediately contiguous with the proposed location. The petition will also require signatures from property owners / registered voters from at least two parallel streets in either direction of the street where the request is being made. The signatures from the other streets must make up at least 1/4 of the total signatures generated. When there are multiple property owners, the signature of one shall be sufficient to count that property towards the required two-thirds. Said petition shall be referred by the City Clerk to the Fire Department, the Police Department and the Department of Public Works Engineering division for review, and if approved then forwarded to the Board of Public Works for necessary hearing / viewing. Each request must provide the name of the street for which the speed hump(s) are requested and the boundaries of the intended street segment to be impacted. Each petition will be reviewed by the Board of Public Works based upon its own merits and taking into consideration the recommendations of the Police, Fire, and Public Works departments. For purposes of this section "impacted segment" shall mean 300 feet to either side of the zone proposed by the residents for the location of the hump(s), or to the nearest fully signalized intersection or end of the street in that direction, whichever comes first. The “impacted segment” may be extended and / or reduced, at the direction of the DPW / Engineering Division, Police , Fire, etc as part of the preliminary review of the petition, based upon general traffic flows, traffic patterns in a particular neighborhood. Full justification of the modified

“impacted segment” will be provided by the DPW / Engineering Division. All correspondence and communication with residents regarding the petition and process shall be through the Board of Public Works. The application to the Board of Public Works must also include a letter of support from the appropriate Neighborhood Council.

As part of the review of a petition submitted to the Board of Public Works, upon consultation with Police and Fire Department and the Engineering Division of the Department of Public Works, the Director of the Department of Public Works may reject an application if, in his opinion, the location, road layout, roadway grade, etc. is not appropriate for installation. If the application is rejected, the Director must provide the applicant with justification for denial in writing within 21 days of the petition being received.

The petition that is submitted to the Board of Public Works must have a single person as the point of contact and this person will be considered the “applicant”.

§385-54 Reports upon petition of property owners.

The Engineering division of the Department of Public Works upon receiving any such petition shall report to the Board of Public Works whether, in their judgement, the proposed speed hump location conforms to the Manual On Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Street and Highways (MUTCD) issued by the US Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration, City of Springfield Ordinances and good engineering practice. Within thirty (30) days, the police department, the fire department and the department of public works shall report to the Board of Public Works regarding the proposed speed hump, including potential impacts on the daily and emergency operations of those departments.

§385-55 Location Requirements.

In order to be eligible for speed humps pursuant to this Ordinance, a street must have a Roadway Functional Classification of “Local Road” as shown on the most recent “Roadway Functional Classification ” map on file with the DPW and must have a posted or de facto speed limit of 25 miles per hour or less.

§385-56 Hearing.

- A. Before any order to install or establish a speed hump shall be passed, a written notice of the intention of the Board of Public Works to hold a viewing to install or establish a speed hump shall be posted a minimum of 15 days in advance of the viewing date, and registered letters shall be sent to all property owners within a 300-foot radius of the impacted segment of the street under review for speed hump installation and such notice shall specify the time and place for such hearing before the City Council. It will be the “applicants” responsibility to be financially responsible for the payment of any

and all mailing of registered letters to abutters. The applicant shall, upon a request from the DPW, provide evidence of notices being sent via registered mail.

- B. After the hearing has been held, the Board of Public Works will refer the petition to the City Council for their review and action.

§385-57 Specifications.

Speed humps and related signage and pavement marking will be installed in conformance with the applicable specifications in the most current editions of:

- A. the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways (“MUTCD”) issued by the U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration;
- B. the Massachusetts Project Development and Design Guide issued by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation; and
any applicable standards on file with the Springfield Department of Public Works.
- C. Speed Humps will be placed in a manner so as not to impede drainage flow in the street. This will mean that the speed hump will not go all the way to the curb. Please be advised that it will be the immediate property abutters responsibility to clear snow from the gutters adjacent to the speed hump, after any and all snowstorms to ensure proper drainage flows. Also please be advised that due to the geometric configuration of the speed humps, plowing for snow storms in the area of the speed humps will be away from the curb to protect the plowing equipment.
- D. Speed Humps will not be placed within 10 feet of any residential or commercial driveway.
- E. Based upon the installation requirements of the speed hump, there will be a no parking of a minimum of 18 feet in each direction of the speed hump on both sides of the street. The locations will be posted as “No Parking Any Time”.
- F. Speed Humps will not be installed on any street that is determined to be critical access paths for police, fire, ambulance or any other public safety vehicles.

§385-58 Temporary Trial Period.

Residents submitting a petition pursuant to §385-58 may request that a temporary portable rubber speed hump with portable signs on stands and no pavement markings be installed anytime between May 1st and July 15 (to allow for removal by October 15th), before the installation of a permanent speed hump as a temporary trial period. The temporary humps will remain in place for a period of ninety (90) days. If, at the conclusion of the trial period, there are not written objections from more than one quarter ($\frac{1}{4}$) of the property owners or registered voters within the impacted segment of the proposed speed hump, then the permanent speed humps shall be installed as weather and climate conditions permit. Any written objections from property owners must be filed in writing with the City Council.

Approved as to form:

Associate City Solicitor

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Michael A. Fenton, Ward 2 Councilor
SECONDER:	Jesse Lederman, President
AYES:	Perez, Click-Bruce, Curran, Walsh, Brown, Davila, Hurst, Edwards, Allen, Govan, Fenton, Whitfield, Lederman