

POLICY STATEMENT NO. 2009-02

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2003-02 REGARDING THE
INSTALLATION OF TRAFFIC CALMING
DEVICES FOR RESIDENTIAL TRAFFIC
CONTROL

DATE: JANUARY 6, 2009

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WHEREAS, Gilbert is concerned with the safety of citizens in residential neighborhoods;
and

WHEREAS, research has shown that speed humps and similar traffic calming devices
have the potential to reduce vehicle speeds in the vicinity of the device; and

WHEREAS, the installation of traffic calming devices is endorsed by the Institute of
Transportation Engineers as an approved method of traffic control; and

WHEREAS, Gilbert has adopted two Policy Statements regarding installation and
maintenance of traffic calming devices in residential areas on certain public roadways;

NOW, THEREFORE, the following Policy is hereby established:

Request of Neighborhood Traffic Mitigation

As a first step in responding to any neighborhood request, residents must complete and
submit a "Request for Neighborhood Traffic Mitigation Form". This form is available on
the web, the Development Services Counter, South Area Service Center lobby, and the
Municipal Center lobby. The form may also be mailed at the resident's request. The
signatures of ten (10) residents living within the area of complaint are required to initiate
a Neighborhood Traffic Study.

The Neighborhood Traffic Study involves data collection by Town Staff, at least one joint
meeting with the neighborhood and Staff, clear identification of the problem area(s) and
possible solution(s), and the ongoing monitoring of any solution(s) in reducing speed in
the neighborhood.

If after trying other solutions, the traffic concern is not mitigated, and upon
recommendation by the Staff, speed humps or other appropriate traffic calming
measures may be considered for installation based upon the following standards:

1. The public roadway is classified by the Gilbert Public Works Manual as a local residential public roadway in a residential subdivision. Traffic calming devices **will not** be installed on any of the following street classifications:
 - a. Any unloaded Collector roadway or higher level of public roadway classification;
 - b. Any unpaved roadways;
 - c. Within 200 feet of a stop sign, traffic signal, curve, or where the logical result of placement will create a diversion to a parallel roadway.
2. The posted speed limit on the public roadway is 30 miles per hour or less;
3. The 85th percentile speed from the Traffic Study is greater than 10 miles per hour over the posted speed limit with a traffic volume between 500 and 4,000 average daily trips;
4. The public roadway must have a rolled or vertical curb for a minimum distance of 50 feet on each approach to the proposed location of the speed hump installation. If such a curb does not exist, the construction of the speed hump shall include curb construction at least 50 feet on either side of the installation;
5. The public roadway has a normal crown with drainage occurring along the sides of the roadway;
6. Installation of the speed hump or other traffic calming device if a Petition is received with 100% of the residents whose lots are within 500 feet of the proposed installation location, and by 75% of the residents whose lots are within 1,000 feet of the proposed location.

Installation and Cost

Residents are responsible for the cost of permitting, planning, installing, signing, and marking the traffic calming device(s). Town Staff will provide a full cost estimate of the amount due for the installation(s), including the type of device which may include a Road Kop speed cushion or approved equal, asphalt or other approved device(s).

The neighborhood may collect money in any manner it deems equitable.

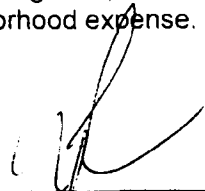
Residents must present a check made payable to the Town of Gilbert to cover the initial costs.

Gilbert will be responsible for perpetual maintenance of all device(s) and signage upon completion and acceptance by Gilbert of the improvements.

Removal Costs

Should conditions change and the neighborhood no longer desires the traffic calming device(s) a Petition requesting the removal of the device(s) with at least 51% approval of all residents of the homes within 500 feet of the device(s) must be submitted to the Streets Division of the Public Works Department. The Streets Division will prepare a written estimate of the costs to remove the device(s) and restore the street, including removal of all signage. The neighborhood will be required to provide payment of the estimated amount in full prior to removal.

Should the device(s), in the opinion of the Traffic Engineer, be considered no longer effective, the device(s) will be removed at neighborhood expense.



Steven M. Berman, Mayor

ATTEST:



Catherine A. Templeton, CMC
Town Clerk