RESOLUTION REGARDING
NEIGHBORHOOD STREET CALMING POLICY

RESOLUTION NO. 83-105-11    EFFECTIVE: 8-2-17

WHEREAS, neighborhoods have increasingly indicated interest in traffic control measures; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Wayne encourages neighborhood input in such matters; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to establish a consistent policy regarding neighborhood street calming requests and maintain efficient traffic flow, as well;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS OF THE CITY OF FORT WAYNE, INDIANA, THAT THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURES ARE ESTABLISHED FOR CONSIDERATION OF STREET CLOSURE (OR OTHER TRAFFIC CONTROL MEASURES) ON RESIDENTIAL STREETS.

1. Traffic Calming Methods in consideration of this resolution shall consist of street closure, traffic control signs, new pavement markings, speed limit modification, roadway diversions or other roadway improvements.

2. A neighborhood association must notify the City’s Board of Public Works Traffic Engineering Department by letter stating that a traffic safety issue exists specifying the nature and location of the problem and requested solution(s).

3. The City’s Traffic Engineering Department will conduct a study to determine if present use of the street warrants traffic calming or closure consideration. The study may include volume counts and/or speed checks. Other factors may also be considered.

4. The Traffic Engineering Department will summarize findings and recommend a solution to the problem. If minimum counts are not met, alternatives from the Indiana Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices may be suggested. If minimum counts are met, Traffic Engineering may recommend traffic calming measures or in rare cases, street closure.

5. Anytime during this process, a trial period consisting of barricade placement may be required by the Traffic Engineering Department to determine the acceptability of the recommendation. If required, barricade placement will be the expense of the neighborhood association or affected residents of the neighborhood.

6. If closure or other traffic calming measure is recommended, at least 75% of the affected residents must petition the Board of Public Works for the closure. Affected residents may include the following: those property owners/residents living on the subject street, both adjacent parallel streets and each intersecting street for one block; entire neighborhood association; or as determined by the Traffic Engineering Department.
7. In addition, all requests for traffic calming must be initiated by the Board of the Neighborhood Association.

8. Financing of capital improvements involved in traffic calming infrastructure must be secured by the neighborhood, either with private or property owner funding.

9. Long term landscaping will be the responsibility of the neighborhood.

10. If these conditions are met, the traffic calming measure will be submitted to the Board of Public Works for approval.

11. Policy will be subject to revision at the end of each year.

DATED THIS 2 DAY OF August, 2017.

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS:

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