

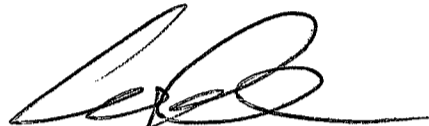
RESOLUTION NO. 2010-269-R

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE CITY OF MADISON'S
TRAFFIC CALMING POLICY.**

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Madison, Alabama, that the attached Traffic Calming Policy is hereby adopted in its entirety and that the same shall become effective immediately; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Engineering and the Chief of Police are authorized to perform such actions as are necessary and appropriate for carrying out the functions assigned to each of them therein.

READ, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 13th day of September, 2010.



Bill Holtzclaw, President
Madison City Council

ATTEST:


Melanie A. Williard, City Clerk-Treasurer

APPROVED this 13th day of September, 2010.


Paul Finley, Mayor

City of Madison
Traffic Calming Policy

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to reduce the speed of traffic on local residential streets where traditional traffic enforcement has not produced safe and lawful rates of speed. As used herein, the following terms shall be defined as follows:

- **“Traffic calming”** and **“traffic calming measures”** shall include the installation of traffic control signage as well as modification of street sections to produce obstructions for high speed traffic and generally produce lower driving speeds.
- **“Chief of Police”** and **“Chief”** shall indicate the Chief of the Madison Police Department or his/her designee.
- **“Engineering Director”** and **“Director”** shall indicate the Director of the Madison Engineering Department or his/her designee.

Traffic calming will only be considered on local residential streets with a twenty-four (24) hour traffic volume of more than four hundred (400) vehicles per day and less than two thousand (2,000) vehicles per day. Traffic calming will not be considered or installed on streets which primarily serve commercial or industrial areas or which are shown on the City’s Major Street Plan. These same criteria shall be used to determine the appropriateness and necessity of installation of traffic calming measures in new subdivisions and other developments presented to the City for approval after the effective date.

Procedure for Request, Approval and Installation

Any request for speed enforcement or traffic calming, regardless of its source of origin, first must be made **in writing** to the Chief of Police. If, in the opinion of the Chief, traditional enforcement methods utilized over an appropriate period of time have not reduced or do not reduce speeds to a consistently safe and lawful level, the Madison Police Department then will perform a speed survey to affirmatively establish that the eighty-fifth percentile speed is more than ten (10) miles per hour over the posted speed limit for the area in question. The Police Department may then forward a request for installation of traffic calming measures to the City of Madison’s Engineering Director.

When the Director receives a request from the Chief for traffic calming, the Engineering Department will perform a study of the surrounding streets and primary traffic patterns and develop a traffic calming plan. The plan will consider a variety of methods to reduce driving speeds and may include installing all-way stop signs, traffic circles, lane restrictions, lane narrowing, speed cushions, and speed humps. The Director’s traffic calming recommendations will start with the least restrictive measures and advance only as necessary to achieve the purpose of this policy. If, in the joint opinion of the Chief and the Director, the least restrictive measures do not produce the necessary calming, more restrictive measures will be considered and implemented as necessary to achieve the purpose of this policy.

Some of the traffic calming measures subject to use and installation in the City of Madison are attached hereto. However, this collection is not exclusive and these are not the only measures that may be considered by the Director. Additionally, as new methods are developed and determined to be appropriate for the City's needs, the same also may be considered by the Director.

[NOTE: Due to the significant impact on emergency vehicles caused by speed humps, it is the stated policy of the City of Madison that such method will be used only as a last resort.]

In the course of making a recommendation, the Director may also request companion actions be taken by the City to enhance the effectiveness of the traffic calming measure and to ensure adequate navigability by emergency vehicles. Such actions may include, but shall not be limited to, the passage and strict enforcement of ordinances designating "No Parking" areas around certain traffic calming features and reducing speed limits in the vicinity thereof.

Each recommendation of the Director will be posted at City Hall and on the City's website and will be announced at the next regularly scheduled Council meeting following the issuance of the Director's recommendation. One (1) month after the announcement is made at the Council meeting, the recommended traffic calming measures will be installed unless modifications are deemed necessary by the Director and/or Chief after consideration of any public comments.

The city-wide costs of installation of traffic calming features will be an annually budgeted expenditure. The number of streets selected for traffic calming will be limited by the budget line item and traffic calming projects will generally be completed in order of approval, subject to the availability of funds.

Follow-up Studies

It shall be the responsibility of the Director and the Chief to perform reviews of the effectiveness of each traffic calming measure installed by the City, including those installed prior to approval of this policy. If either of their follow-up reviews indicates additional action is needed to achieve the purpose of this policy, any modifications of traffic calming measures generally will follow the procedure outlined hereinabove, considering the findings, whether collective or individual, as the initial request. Traffic calming modifications may include increasing the severity of the calming measures to further reduce speed or removal of the calming measures due to unintended results.

The City of Madison reserves the right to change any and all of the criteria, procedures, or designs in this policy as deemed necessary and appropriate.

Effective Date

This policy shall become effective immediately upon approval by the Madison City Council.

Approved by the Madison City Council via passage of
Resolution No. 2010-269-R
on the 13th day of September, 2010.