

1 Introduced by Council Member Clark-Murray and Co-Sponsored by Council  
2 Member Carlucci and amended by the Neighborhoods, Community Services,  
3 Public Health and Safety Committee:  
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6 **ORDINANCE 2024-730-E**

7 AN ORDINANCE REGARDING SPEED LIMIT REDUCTIONS  
8 AND TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES ON LOCAL ROADS;  
9 REPEALING SECTION 804.406 (SPEED LIMIT REDUCTION  
10 ON LOCAL ROADS BY PETITION), PART 4 (SPEED  
11 REGULATIONS), CHAPTER 804 (JACKSONVILLE TRAFFIC  
12 CODE), *ORDINANCE CODE*, IN ITS ENTIRETY; CREATING  
13 A NEW SECTION 804.406 (SPEED LIMIT REDUCTION BY  
14 APPLICATION), PART 4 (SPEED REGULATIONS),  
15 CHAPTER 804 (JACKSONVILLE TRAFFIC CODE),  
16 *ORDINANCE CODE*, TO CREATE AN APPLICATION AND  
17 NOTICE PROCESS FOR SPEED LIMIT REDUCTIONS ON  
18 LOCAL ROADS; CREATING A NEW SECTION 804.407  
19 (TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES BY APPLICATION), PART  
20 4 (SPEED REGULATIONS), CHAPTER 804 (JACKSONVILLE  
21 TRAFFIC CODE), *ORDINANCE CODE*, TO CREATE AN  
22 APPLICATION AND NOTICE PROCESS FOR INSTALLATION  
23 OF TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES ON LOCAL ROADS;  
24 PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR  
25 CODIFICATION INSTRUCTIONS; PROVIDING AN  
26 EFFECTIVE DATE.  
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28 **BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the City of Jacksonville:

29 **Section 1. Repealing Section 804.406 (Speed limit reduction**  
30 **on local roads by petition), Part 4 (Speed Regulations), Chapter 804**  
31 **(Jacksonville Traffic Code), Ordinance Code, in its entirety. Section**

1 804.406 (Speed limit reduction on local roads by petition), Part 4  
2 (Speed Regulations), Chapter 804 (Jacksonville Traffic Code),  
3 *Ordinance Code*, a copy of which is attached hereto as **Exhibit 1**, is  
4 hereby repealed in its entirety.

5 **Section 2. Creating a new Section 804.406 (Speed limit**  
6 **reduction by application), *Ordinance Code*.** Section 804.406 (Speed  
7 limit reduction by application), Part 4 (Speed Regulations), Chapter  
8 804 (Jacksonville Traffic Code), *Ordinance Code*, is hereby created  
9 to read as follows:

10 **CHAPTER 804 - JACKSONVILLE TRAFFIC CODE**

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12 **PART 4. - SPEED REGULATIONS**

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14 **Sec. 804.406. - Speed limit reduction by application.**

15 (a) As used in this Section, the following terms shall mean:

- 16 i. *Affected property owners* means those owners of real  
17 property located adjacent to the local road segment(s)  
18 which would be impacted by the speed limit reduction.  
19 ii. *Department* means the Department of Public Works.  
20 iii. *Residence district* has the same meaning as it is defined  
21 in Section 316.003, Florida Statutes.

22 (b) In addition to the method prescribed in Section 804.402  
23 above, applicants may request to have the speed limit  
24 reduced on a local road within a residence district from  
25 30 miles per hour to a maximum speed limit of 20 or 25  
26 miles per hour. Such a request requires agreement from at  
27 least 75 percent of affected property owners.

28 (c) Requests to reduce the speed limit on a local road may be  
29 made by an affected party including an individual citizen,  
30 group of citizens, homeowners' association or similar  
31 property owners' association, or a City Council Member

1 (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Applicant")  
2 and shall be initiated by an application completed and  
3 submitted to the Department, to the attention of the Chief  
4 of Traffic Engineering. The form of the application shall  
5 be generated by the Department.

6 (d) Within 30 calendar days of receiving an application for  
7 speed limit reduction, the Department shall review the  
8 application for sufficiency and, if found sufficient, the  
9 Chief of Traffic Engineering or their designee shall  
10 conduct (or have conducted by a third party) an engineering  
11 and traffic investigation that determines whether the speed  
12 limit reduction is reasonable and in conformity to criteria  
13 promulgated by the Florida Department of Transportation  
14 (FDOT) in the *Manual for Speed Zoning for Highways, Roads,*  
15 *and Streets in Florida*. The Chief of Traffic Engineering,  
16 or their designee, after consultation with the Sheriff or  
17 their designee, shall make the final determination of the  
18 appropriateness of the requested speed limit reduction and  
19 the location and placement of speed limit signage.

20 (e) After submitting the application, the Applicant shall be  
21 responsible for contacting their District Council Member,  
22 who shall schedule and notice a public meeting for the  
23 purpose of discussing the proposed application and the  
24 implementation process with members of the public. The  
25 District Council Member shall coordinate with the Traffic  
26 Engineering Division, the Fire and Rescue Department and  
27 the Sheriff's Office regarding the date and location for  
28 the public meeting to ensure that a representative from  
29 each will be in attendance. During the meeting, the Traffic  
30 Engineering Division shall explain the process, identify  
31 all costs related to the request and provide a cost

1 estimate to the Applicant and any other interested property  
2 owners or associations attending the meeting.

3 (f) After the meeting, the Department shall invoice the  
4 Applicant for 50 percent of the costs for signage and any  
5 other applicable costs related to the requested speed limit  
6 reduction. Upon receipt of the invoice, the Applicant shall  
7 remit payment within 60 calendar days. If the Applicant  
8 fails to timely remit payment, the Application shall be  
9 considered withdrawn.

10 (g) Upon receipt of a completed application and payment of the  
11 costs (as calculated and invoiced by the Department), the  
12 Department shall send two written notifications to affected  
13 property owners, which shall request the affected property  
14 owners to indicate their written agreement or objection to  
15 the proposed speed limit reduction. Should any affected  
16 property owners fail to respond within 60 days of the  
17 City's first written notification, then such non-response  
18 shall be deemed as agreement to the proposed speed limit  
19 reduction. The City's written notification shall include  
20 language to this effect.

21 (h) If, at any time, the Chief of Traffic Engineering  
22 determines that the speed limit reduction requested by the  
23 Applicant, as stated in the application, is not reasonable  
24 and/or is not in conformity to FDOT criteria in the *Manual*  
25 *for Speed Zoning for Highways, Roads, and Streets in*  
26 *Florida*, or if less than 75 percent of affected property  
27 owners agree to the speed limit reduction, the Department  
28 shall return the funds received from the Applicant, less  
29 any costs already expended by the Department.

30 (i) If the Chief of Traffic Engineering or their designee, in  
31 consultation with the Sheriff or their designee, determines

1 that the speed limit reduction is reasonable and  
2 appropriate, and the Department determines that the public  
3 meeting has been held, the Applicant has remitted payment  
4 and at least 75 percent of affected property owners agree,  
5 then the Chief of Traffic Engineering may reduce the speed  
6 limit on the segment of the local road(s) as provided in  
7 the application, with notification to the Sheriff. The  
8 Department shall be responsible for posting the new speed  
9 limit with clearly legible signs, and such new speed limit  
10 shall not take effect until the posting of said signs.

11 (j) The procedures outlined in this Section shall be applicable  
12 to applications received on or after January 1, 2025.

13 **Section 3. Creating a new Section 804.407 (Traffic calming**  
14 **measures by application), Ordinance Code.** Section 804.407 (Traffic  
15 calming measures by application), Part 4 (Speed Regulations), Chapter  
16 804 (Jacksonville Traffic Code), *Ordinance Code*, is hereby created  
17 to read as follows:

18 **CHAPTER 804 - JACKSONVILLE TRAFFIC CODE**

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20 **PART 4. - SPEED REGULATIONS**

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22 **Sec. 804.407. - Traffic calming measures by application.**

23 The primary purpose of traffic calming is to support the  
24 livability and vitality of residential and commercial areas through  
25 improvements in non-motorist safety, mobility and comfort. Traffic  
26 calming reduces automobile speeds and/or volumes, mainly through the  
27 use of physical measures, to improve the quality of life and increase  
28 the safety and comfort of walking and bicycling.

29 (a) As used in this Section, the following terms shall mean:

- 30 i. *Affected property owners* means those owners of real  
31 property located adjacent to the local road segment(s)

1 which would be impacted by the traffic calming  
2 measure(s).

3 ii. *Department* means the Department of Public Works.

4 iii. *Residence district* has the same meaning as it is defined  
5 in Section 316.003, Florida Statutes.

6 iv. *Traffic calming measures* means the physical measures  
7 intended to reduce illegal high speeds of motor  
8 vehicles, alter driver behavior and improve conditions  
9 for non-motorized street users, including but not  
10 limited to: speed humps, speed tables, raised  
11 intersections, realigned intersections, corner  
12 extensions, traffic circles and roundabouts.

13 (b) Applicants may request installation of traffic calming  
14 measures on a local road within a residence district. Such  
15 a request requires agreement from at least 75 percent of  
16 affected property owners.

17 (c) Requests to install traffic calming measures on a local  
18 road may be made by an affected party including an  
19 individual citizen, group of citizens, homeowners'  
20 association or similar property owners' association, or a  
21 City Council Member (hereinafter collectively referred to  
22 as the "Applicant") and shall be initiated by an  
23 application completed and submitted to the Department, to  
24 the attention of the Chief of Traffic Engineering. The form  
25 of the application shall be generated by the Department.

26 (d) Within 30 calendar days of receiving an application for  
27 installation of traffic calming measure(s), the Department  
28 shall review the application for sufficiency and, if found  
29 sufficient, the Chief of Traffic Engineering or their  
30 designee shall conduct (or have conducted by a third party)  
31 an engineering and traffic investigation that determines

1 such a change is reasonable and in conformity with  
2 guidelines promulgated by the National Association of City  
3 Transportation Officials (NACTO). Final determination of  
4 the appropriateness of the requested traffic calming  
5 measure(s) as well as the design and location of such  
6 traffic calming measure(s) shall rest with the Chief of  
7 Traffic Engineering or their designee.

8 (e) After submitting the application, the Applicant shall be  
9 responsible for contacting their District Council Member,  
10 who shall schedule and notice a public meeting for the  
11 purpose of discussing the proposed application and the  
12 implementation process with members of the public. The  
13 District Council Member shall coordinate with the Traffic  
14 Engineering Division, the Fire and Rescue Department and  
15 the Sheriff's Office regarding the date and location for  
16 the public meeting to ensure that a representative from  
17 each will be in attendance. During the meeting, the Traffic  
18 Engineering Division shall explain the process, identify  
19 all costs related to the request and provide a cost  
20 estimate to the Applicant and any other interested property  
21 owners or associations attending the meeting.

22 (f) After the meeting, the Department shall invoice the  
23 Applicant for all costs related to the requested traffic  
24 calming measure(s). If the Chief of Traffic Engineering,  
25 in their sole discretion, determines that significant  
26 vehicular traffic utilizes the subject road as a cut-  
27 through to avoid traffic congestion on nearby roads, then  
28 the City shall be responsible for 50 percent of the costs  
29 related to requested traffic calming measure(s) on the  
30 subject road and the Applicant's obligation shall be  
31 reduced accordingly. Upon receipt of the invoice, the

1 Applicant shall remit payment within 60 calendar days. If  
2 the Applicant fails to timely remit payment, the  
3 Application shall be considered withdrawn.

4 (g) Upon receipt of a completed application and payment of the  
5 costs (as calculated and invoiced by the Department), the  
6 Department shall send two written notifications to affected  
7 property owners, which shall request the affected property  
8 owners to indicate their written agreement or objection to  
9 the proposed traffic calming measure(s). Should any  
10 affected property owners fail to respond within 60 days of  
11 the City's first written notification, then such  
12 non-response shall be deemed as agreement to the proposed  
13 traffic calming measure(s). The City's written  
14 notification shall include language to that effect.

15 (h) If, at any time, the Chief of Traffic Engineering  
16 determines that the traffic calming measure(s) requested  
17 by the Applicant, as stated in the application, are not  
18 reasonable and/or are not in conformity with the NACTO  
19 guidelines, or if less than 75 percent of affected property  
20 owners agree to the traffic calming measure(s), the  
21 Department shall return the funds received from the  
22 Applicant, less any costs already expended by the  
23 Department.

24 (i) If the Chief of Traffic Engineering, or their designee,  
25 determines that the traffic calming measure(s) are  
26 appropriate, and the Department determines that a public  
27 meeting has been held, the Applicant has remitted payment  
28 and at least 75 percent of affected property owners agree,  
29 then Department shall be responsible for implementing  
30 construction of the traffic calming measure(s).

31 (j) The procedures outlined in this Section shall be applicable



1 to applications received on or after January 1, 2025.

2 **Section 4. Severability.** The provisions of this Ordinance,  
3 including sections and subsections within the Ordinance, are intended  
4 to be severable and if any provision is declared invalid or  
5 unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, such provision  
6 shall be severed and the remainder shall continue in full force and  
7 effect, with the Ordinance being deemed amended to the least degree  
8 legally permissible.

9 **Section 5. Codification Instructions.** The Codifier and the  
10 Office of General Counsel are authorized to make all chapter and  
11 division "table of contents" consistent with the changes set forth  
12 herein. Such editorial changes and any other necessary to make the  
13 *Ordinance Code* consistent with the intent of this legislation are  
14 approved and directed herein, and the changes to the *Ordinance Code*  
15 shall be made forthwith and when inconsistencies are discovered.

16 **Section 6. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become  
17 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective  
18 without the Mayor's signature.

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20 Form Approved:

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22           /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos          

23 Office of General Counsel

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