

Sec. 804.406. - Speed limit reduction on local roads by petition.

- (a) In addition to the method prescribed in Section 804.402 above, a neighborhood homeowner's association or group of residents (hereinafter collectively referred to as a "Neighborhood") may petition to have the speed limit reduced on a local road within a residence district, as defined in F.S. § 316.003, from 30 miles per hour to a maximum speed limit of 20 or 25 miles per hour on local streets. A form of petition will be generated by the Department of Public Works.
- (b) The petition shall be submitted to the Department of Public Works, attention City Highway Engineer. It shall be the responsibility of the Neighborhood filing the petition to contact their Council member to schedule a public meeting with the Council member, the Traffic Engineering Division and the Fire and Rescue Department to discuss the proposed petition and process for implementation. The Council member shall contact the Fire and Rescue Department and Traffic Engineering Division to coordinate the meeting time for the public meeting. At the time of the meeting, the Traffic Engineering Division shall explain the process and identify all costs related to the request and provide a cost estimate to the Neighborhood and any other interested property owners attending the meeting. After the meeting, the Neighborhood shall circulate the petition to affected property owners (owners of property along the road segment of the local road in question) and at least 75 percent of the property owners of the local road segment(s) which would be impacted must be in agreement with the proposal, as evidenced by their signature accompanying the petition.
- (c) Once the petition is completed, the Public Works Department shall invoice the Neighborhood for 50 percent of the costs for signage and any other applicable costs estimated by the Public Works Department. Upon receipt of the invoice, the Neighborhood shall pay its pro rata share (50 percent) of the costs prior to implementation of the plan.
- (d) Upon receipt of a completed petition, the City Highway Engineer shall conduct (or have conducted by a third party) an engineering and traffic investigation that determines such a change is reasonable and in conformity to criteria promulgated by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) in the *Manual for Speed Zoning for Highways, Roads, and Streets in Florida* to determine whether such speed limit reduction is reasonable. If the investigation concludes that the speed limit reduction is reasonable, then the City Highway Engineer, with the approval of the Sheriff, may reduce the speed limit on the segment of the local road(s) as provided in the petition.
- (e) Upon making such determination, the Public Works Department shall implement the reduced speed limit on the local road segment(s). The Department of Public Works shall be responsible for posting the new speed limit with clearly legible signs, and such new speed limit shall not be effective until the posting of the new speed limit signs. If the Public Works Department determines that the petition request is not reasonable and in conformity to criteria promulgated by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) in the *Manual for Speed Zoning for Highways, Roads, and Streets in Florida*, it shall return any costs paid to the Department of Public Works for installation of signs or related to the implementation process.

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