

Introduced by Council Member Amaro and Co-Sponsored by Council Members Lahnen and Miller and amended by the Rules Committee:

ORDINANCE 2025-465-E

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 804.406 (SPEED LIMIT REDUCTION BY APPLICATION), PART 4 (SPEED REGULATIONS), CHAPTER 804 (JACKSONVILLE TRAFFIC CODE), *ORDINANCE CODE*, TO MODIFY THE REQUIRED PAYMENT TIMELINE; AMENDING SECTION 804.407 (TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES BY APPLICATION), PART 4 (SPEED REGULATIONS), CHAPTER 804 (JACKSONVILLE TRAFFIC CODE), *ORDINANCE CODE*, TO MODIFY THE REQUIRED PAYMENT TIMELINE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION INSTRUCTIONS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Jacksonville:

Section 1. Amending Section 804.406 (Speed limit reduction by application), Part 4 (Speed Regulations), Chapter 804 (Jacksonville Traffic Code), Ordinance Code. Section 804.406 (Speed limit reduction by application), Part 4 (Speed Regulations), Chapter 804 (Jacksonville Traffic Code), *Ordinance Code*, is hereby amended to read as follows:

CHAPTER 804 - JACKSONVILLE TRAFFIC CODE

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PART 4. - SPEED REGULATIONS

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Sec. 804.406. - Speed limit reduction by application.

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(f) After the meeting, the Department shall send two written

1 notifications to affected property owners, which shall request
2 the affected property owners to indicate their written
3 agreement or objection to the proposed speed limit reduction.
4 Should any affected property owners fail to respond within 60
5 days of the City's first written notification, then such non-
6 response shall be deemed as agreement to the proposed speed
7 limit reduction. The City's written notification shall include
8 language to this effect.

9 (g) If the agreement of 75 percent of affected property owners is
10 established, the Department shall then invoice the Applicant
11 for 50 percent of the costs for signage and any other applicable
12 costs related to the requested speed limit reduction. Upon
13 receipt of the invoice, the Applicant shall remit payment
14 within 60 calendar days. If the Applicant fails to timely remit
15 payment, the Application shall be considered withdrawn.

16 ~~(f) After the meeting, the Department shall invoice the Applicant~~
17 ~~for 50 percent of the costs for signage and any other applicable~~
18 ~~costs related to the requested speed limit reduction. Upon~~
19 ~~receipt of the invoice, the Applicant shall remit payment~~
20 ~~within 60 calendar days. If the Applicant fails to timely remit~~
21 ~~payment, the Application shall be considered withdrawn.~~

22 ~~(g) Upon receipt of a completed application and payment of the~~
23 ~~costs (as calculated and invoiced by the Department), the~~
24 ~~Department shall send two written notifications to affected~~
25 ~~property owners, which shall request the affected property~~
26 ~~owners to indicate their written agreement or objection to the~~
27 ~~proposed speed limit reduction. Should any affected property~~
28 ~~owners fail to respond within 60 days of the City's first~~
29 ~~written notification, then such non-response shall be deemed~~
30 ~~as agreement to the proposed speed limit reduction. The City's~~
31 ~~written notification shall include language to this effect.~~

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

(h)~~(i)~~ If the Chief of Traffic Engineering or their designee, in consultation with the Sheriff or their designee, determines that the speed limit reduction is reasonable and appropriate, and the Department determines that the public meeting has been held, the Applicant has remitted payment and at least 75 percent of affected property owners agree, then the Chief of Traffic Engineering may reduce the speed limit on the segment of the local road(s) as provided in the application, with notification to the Sheriff. The Department shall be responsible for posting the new speed limit with clearly legible signs, and such new speed limit shall not take effect until the posting of said signs.

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

Section 2. Amending Section 804.407 (Traffic calming measures by application), Part 4 (Speed Regulations), Chapter 804 (Jacksonville Traffic Code), Ordinance Code. Section 804.407 (Traffic calming measures by application), Part 4 (Speed Regulations), Chapter 804 (Jacksonville Traffic Code), Ordinance Code, is hereby amended to read as follows:

CHAPTER 804 - JACKSONVILLE TRAFFIC CODE

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PART 4. - SPEED REGULATIONS*** * *****Sec. 804.407. - Traffic calming measures by application.***** * ***

(e) After submitting the application, the Applicant shall be responsible for contacting their District Council Member, who shall schedule and notice a public meeting for the purpose of discussing the proposed application and the implementation process with members of the public. The District Council Member shall coordinate with the Traffic Engineering Division, the Fire and Rescue Department and the Sheriff's Office regarding the date and location for the public meeting to ensure that a representative from each will be in attendance. During the meeting, the Traffic Engineering Division shall explain the process, identify all costs related to the request and provide a cost estimate to the Applicant and any other interested property owners or associations attending the meeting. If the Chief of Traffic Engineering, in their sole discretion, determines that significant vehicular traffic utilizes the subject road as a cut-through to avoid traffic congestion on nearby roads, then the City shall be responsible for 50 percent of the costs related to requested traffic calming measure(s) on the subject road and the Applicant's obligation shall be reduced accordingly.

(f) After the meeting, the Department shall send two written notifications to affected property owners, which shall request the affected property owners to indicate their written agreement or objection to the proposed traffic calming measure(s). Should any affected property owners fail to respond within 60 days of the City's first written notification, then such non-response shall be deemed as agreement to the proposed

1 traffic calming measure(s). The City's written notification
2 shall include language to this effect.

3 (g) If the agreement of 75 percent of affected property owners is
4 established, the Department shall invoice the Applicant for
5 the costs related to the requested traffic calming measure(s).
6 Upon receipt of the invoice, the Applicant shall remit payment
7 within 60 calendar days. If the Applicant fails to timely remit
8 payment, the Application shall be considered withdrawn.

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10 ~~for all costs related to the requested traffic calming~~
11 ~~measure(s). If the Chief of Traffic Engineering, in their sole~~
12 ~~discretion, determines that significant vehicular traffic~~
13 ~~utilizes the subject road as a cut-through to avoid traffic~~
14 ~~congestion on nearby roads, then the City shall be responsible~~
15 ~~for 50 percent of the costs related to requested traffic~~
16 ~~calming measure(s) on the subject road and the Applicant's~~
17 ~~obligation shall be reduced accordingly. Upon receipt of the~~
18 ~~invoice, the Applicant shall remit payment within 60 calendar~~
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29 ~~deemed as agreement to the proposed traffic calming measure(s).~~
30 ~~The City's written notification shall include language to that~~
31 ~~effect.~~

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

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

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

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

Section 4. Codification Instructions. The Codifier and the Office of General Counsel are authorized to make all chapter and division "table of contents" consistent with the changes set forth herein. Such editorial changes and any other changes necessary to make the *Ordinance Code* consistent with the intent of this legislation are approved and directed herein, and the changes to the *Ordinance Code* shall be made forthwith and when inconsistencies are discovered.

Section 5. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective without the Mayor's signature.

Form Approved:

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Office of General Counsel

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