

CITY of ALBUQUERQUE

EIGHTEENTH COUNCIL

COUNCIL BILL NO. _____ ENACTMENT NO. _____

SPONSORED BY:

1 RESOLUTION

2 QUALIFYING PROCEDURES FOR TRAFFIC CALMING DEVICES ON LOCAL
3 STREETS ADJACENT TO SCHOOLS AND PARKS.

4 WHEREAS; the City installs traffic calming devices on municipal streets for
5 the purpose of guiding motorists to proceed safely on a roadway. Traffic
6 calming devices reduce the speed of those motorists exceeding the speed
7 limit, notify a distracted motorist that additional caution is required and
8 reconfigure a street so as to prohibit cruising. These devices also provide
9 refuges or platforms where pedestrians can stand to increase their view of
10 oncoming vehicles and the motorist's view of the pedestrian; and

11 WHEREAS; The City has installed traffic calming devices including bulb
12 outs, speed humps and road closures around schools and parks to better
13 manage the interaction between motorists and pedestrians. These locations
14 present safety challenges due to the frequent interaction between pedestrians
15 and motorists. These challenges include a combination of traffic congestion,
16 pedestrians crossing streets at different locations, motorists egressing and
17 ingressing from parked cars and balls from a game rolling into the street.

18 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF
19 ALBUQUERQUE:

20 SECTION 1. In addition to the Traffic Engineer's Authority as provided
21 under §8-1-2-4 of the City Code of Ordinances to install traffic control devices,
22 including traffic calming devices the following procedures also apply for
23 installing traffic calming devices on City of Albuquerque Right of Ways that
24 are adjacent to city parks or schools:

25 1. Parks:

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1 a. A person or persons who resides or owns a business or
2 property adjacent to a section of a local street that borders a City park may file
3 a request to install traffic calming devices on street segments adjacent to the
4 park. The written request shall document the pedestrian and traffic hazards
5 adjacent to the park.

6 b. The City Traffic Engineer, upon receiving the request and
7 as the availability of resources allows, shall determine the boundary of the
8 area where the traffic calming devices will be installed and develop a traffic
9 calming plan for that area.

10 c. A person or persons who reside or work within the plan
11 area will distribute copies of the plan to those residents, business and
12 property owners adjoining the street sections in the plan area and request
13 approval of the plan by either letter or petition from persons representing 67%
14 of the lots within the plan area. The City shall provide the list of lots from
15 which approval is required. Signatures must be obtained within a 12 month
16 period.

17 d. The City traffic engineer upon receiving the approvals will
18 implement the traffic calming plan when the necessary personnel, materials
19 and funding become available.

20 2. Schools:

21 a. A person or persons who resides or owns a business or
22 property adjacent to a section of a local street that borders a school
23 accredited by the New Mexico Department of Education, or the principal or
24 director of such institution, may file a request to install traffic calming devices
25 on the street segments adjacent to the school. The written request shall
26 document the pedestrian and traffic hazards adjacent to the school.

27 b. The City Traffic Engineer, upon receiving the request and
28 as the availability of resources allows, shall determine the boundary of the
29 area where the traffic calming devices will be installed and develop a traffic
30 calming plan for that area.

31 c. A person or persons who resides or works within the plan
32 area, shall distribute copies of the plan to the residents, business owners and
33 property owners within the plan area and request approval of the plan by

1 either letter or petition from persons representing 67% of the lots within the
2 plan area. The City shall provide the list of lots from which approval is
3 required. Signatures must be obtained within a 12 month period.

4 d. The City traffic engineer upon receiving the approvals will
5 implement the traffic calming plan when the necessary personnel, materials
6 and funding become available.

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