

OKALOOSA COUNTY TRAFFIC CALMING PROCEDURES

Speed Bumps: Speed bumps shall not be used on public streets. They are severe treatments 3 to 6 inches high and 1 to 2 feet wide that slow drivers to speeds less than 10mph. Do to their abrupt rise and required low speed they can be a hazard to motorists and bicyclists.

Speed Humps and Speed Tables: Speed humps are parabolic or curved in profile, 3 to 4 inches in height and 12 to 14 feet long and as wide as the roadway. Speed tables look like speed humps but are about twice as long and used for cross walks and bicycle crossings. If installed, both of these devices will be marked as specified in paragraph 3B-44 of the Manual for Uniform Traffic Control Devices, latest edition.

Speed humps and speed tables can be installed where three conditions exist: the location of the proposed speed hump is on a dead end road, a majority of local residents desire the speed hump, and an engineering study determines that the speed hump will be effective.

To request a speed hump, the following steps must be followed:

1. The road or street must be dead end. They are not appropriate for through streets.
2. A petition from the property owners along the road must be signed. Renters are not included in this petition.
3. The petition must be signed by 55% of the property owners on the street.
4. A list of owners must be acquired from the Okaloosa County Property Appraisers Office. This list is the one used to validate that the petition contains only registered owners of property along the street.
5. The property owners must make a sketch of their preferred location for a speed hump.
6. All of the above information should be mailed to Okaloosa County Public Works, Attn: Russell Barry, 1759 South Ferdon Boulevard, Crestview, Florida 32536. If further information is needed contact Mr. Barry at 850-689-5770 or rbarry@co.okaloosa.fl.us.
7. The Okaloosa County Public Works Engineering Division will conduct an engineering study to determine the effectiveness of the proposed device and make a recommendation to the Director of Public Works (DPW).
8. If approved by the DPW, an agenda item will be created and the recommendation will be forwarded to the Board of County Commissioners for their decision.