

ORDINANCE NO. P 8-2012

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HAVERFORD, COUNTY OF DELAWARE, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, REVISING THE GENERAL LAWS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HAVERFORD, ORDINANCE 1960, AS AMENDED, CHAPTER 169, TRAFFIC CALMING DEVICES, BY FURTHER AMENDING SECTION 169-5, CRITERIA.

BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Haverford, County of Delaware, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and it is hereby enacted and ordained by the authority of the same:

ARTICLE I. TEXT AMENDMENT

Ordinance 1960, Chapter 169, Traffic Calming Devices, §169-5, Criteria, subsections A through K are hereby repealed and the following inserted in lieu thereof:

- A. Speed humps will not be installed on state roadways.
- B. The legally posted speed limit on the street shall not exceed 25 miles per hour (mph).
- C. The minimum length of the street, or portion thereof, measured from the nearest intersecting street, shall be at least 1,000 feet.
- D. The average daily traffic (ADT) shall not be less than 1,000 vehicles per day, which shall be determined by a seven-day automated traffic count conducted by the Department's Traffic Safety Unit. Manual counts may be instituted at the Department's discretion.
- E. The average vehicle speed (based upon the 85th percentile of the speeds recorded during the traffic count) shall not be less than five mph over the legally posted speed limit, which shall be determined by a seven-day automated traffic count.
- F. The Department will analyze the number of accidents on the affected roadway over the most recent three-year period to ascertain the extent to which excessive or unsafe speeds were a major contributing factor.
- G. The distance between speed humps shall not be less than 250 or greater than 600 feet apart; provided, however, that should an intersection controlled by a stop sign or yield sign be located on the affected roadway, the distance between humps may exceed 600 feet. The existing stop sign or yield sign may be reevaluated to see if it continues to meet the warrants of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania after the installation of humps.
- H. Speed humps shall not be less than 150 feet from an intersecting roadway or within 250 feet of a signalized intersection.

I. Speed humps shall not be installed on hills or curves that could affect the safe control of vehicles.

J. Speed humps shall traverse the entire roadway, allowing one foot on each side for the flow of storm water.

K. Speed humps shall be no less than 12 feet in width.

L. Signs indicating HUMP shall be erected in each direction at the location of the hump and a sufficient distance before the hump to warn approaching motorists. For increased visibility, reflective stripes shall be painted on the humps.

M. Other traffic calming measures:

(1) Notwithstanding whether or not a petition has been submitted under §169-4.B, nothing herein shall limit the Township's right to unilaterally consider and install any traffic calming measures whatsoever, including but not limited to speed humps, bulb outs, chicanes, raised crosswalks, etc., as it may deem necessary to protect the health, safety, and welfare of a specific neighborhood or the public in general.

(2) This section shall apply to any street within the Township, especially streets where the Township determines there is a high concentration of pedestrian and vehicular traffic, such as those near schools, parks and recreation areas, churches, and business districts.

(3) The Township shall notify the residents and businesses on any streets for which such traffic calming measures are being considered to permit their input before such measures are approved and installed.

ARTICLE II. REPEALER

Any ordinance or part of an ordinance to the extent that it is inconsistent herewith is hereby repealed.

ADOPTED this day of ,2012.

TOWNSHIP OF HAVERFORD

BY: WILLIAM F. WECHSLER
 President
 Board of Commissioners

Attest: _____
 Lawrence J. Gentile
 Township Manager/Secretary