

ORDINANCE NO. 851

ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING GUIDELINES FOR THE INSTALLATION OF SPEED HUMPS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Whereas, the Monticello City Council has determined it to be in the best interest of the City of Monticello to establish procedures in order to streamline the process and to provide objective guidelines for the approval and installation of speed humps.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF MONTICELLO, ARKANSAS, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That the following procedures are hereby established for citizens who wish to petition the City Council of Monticello, Arkansas, for the installation of speed humps:

SPEED HUMP PROCEDURES:

1. Any citizen who desires to circulate a petition for the installation of a speed hump may obtain a copy of said petition from the City Clerk's Office.

2. Upon obtaining a petition, the citizen shall circulate the petition to all residents who live on the street with the requested speed hump between the cross streets identified on the petition. The citizen circulating the petition must make an effort to obtain signatures of all residents on the affected with segment of the street. The petition shall contain at least one point of contact. The occupants of at least 75% of the residences on the affected segment of the street must support the installation of the speed hump in order for the speed hump petition to be considered for approval. Upon completion, the speed hump petition should be filed with the City Clerk's Office.

3. Upon receiving the petition, Monticello Police Department shall first determine whether the proposed speed hump meets all requirements set forth in Section 2 of this ordinance, with the exception of the speed study or the alternative approval of the Monticello Chief of Police and Monticello Fire Chief as provided for herein. If a determination is made that all other requirements are met, the petition will be forwarded to the City Council upon one of the two following requirements being met:

a. Approval and recommendation of both the Monticello Chief of Police and the Monticello Fire Chief; or

b. The completion of a speed study as set forth in Section 2 of this ordinance. If all of the requirements are met, Monticello Police Department will forward the petition to the City Council members who represent the ward where the proposed speed hump is located. Installation of speed humps requires the approval of both City Council members, with the cost of the installation to be paid from the street fund budget. Should the approval of both City Council members representing the ward wherein the proposed speed hump is located are not obtained, the matter may be forwarded to the entire City Council.

4. All individuals listed as a point of contact on each petition that is reviewed shall be notified as to the result of their petition efforts by Monticello Police Department.

Section 2. The following requirements are hereby established for the installation of the speed humps:

SPEED HUMP REQUIREMENTS:

1. Speed humps shall only be installed on local residential streets with a posted speed limit of 30 mph or less.

2. Speed humps shall not be installed on streets with significant amounts of emergency and transit vehicles.

3. Results of a speed study conclude that the 85th percentile speed is 10 mph or greater than the posted speed limit or, as an alternative requirement, endorsement by both Monticello Chief of Police and Monticello Fire Chief.

4. The City of Monticello may restrict parking within 50 feet of the proposed speed hump, upon the recommendation of the Monticello Chief of Police or Monticello Fire Chief.

5. Speed humps shall not be installed within 200 feet of a stop sign or yield sign.

6. Speed humps shall not be installed within 25 feet of a storm drain.

7. The approval of the Monticello Chief of Police and Monticello Fire Chief as to the minimum feet between humps.

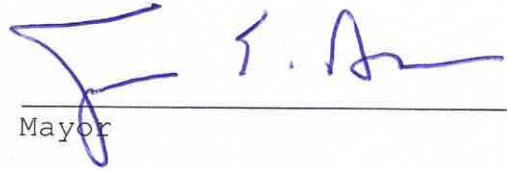
Section 3. That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repeal to the extent of the conflict.

Section 4. That the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable and if any section, phrase or provision shall be declared or held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the remainder of the sections, phrases and provision.

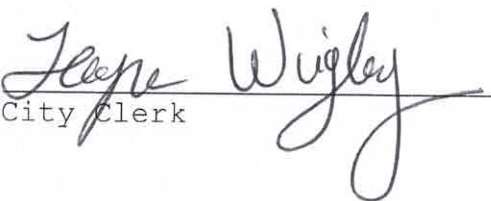
Section 5. That it is hereby found and determined that the provisions and guidelines as provided for herein are to be in the best interest of the city, and it is immediately necessary in order to ensure proper and orderly traffic flow within the city, and being necessary for the immediate preservation of public health, safety and welfare.

THEREFORE, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, and this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 27 day of November, 2023.



Mayor

Attest: 
City Clerk