

1 **BOARD BILL NO. 113 INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN CHRIS CARTER,**  
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7 An ordinance relating to establishing speed bumps and speed tables in the City of  
8 St. Louis; finding that the installation of speed bumps and speed tables are necessary and  
9 required; providing definitions of terms; providing an application for installation of  
10 speed bumps and speed tables; providing a criteria for determination of eligibility for  
11 installation of speed bumps and speed tables; providing procedures for obtaining property  
12 owner consent for the placement of speed bumps and speed tables; providing procedures  
13 for obtaining approval from persons or entities to install speed bumps and speed tables;  
14 period for application process; requests to remove speed bumps and speed tables.

15 **BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS AS FOLLOWS:**

16 **SECTION ONE. Findings.**

17 It is hereby found, determined and declared by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St.  
18 Louis that that installation of one or more speed bumps on certain residential streets in  
19 the city is required to reduce vehicular speeds, traffic volume, traffic hazards and  
20 accidents caused by excessive vehicular speed. It also finds that it is necessary to  
21 establish a procedure for considering requests by residents for the installation of speed  
22 bumps and speed tables on their streets and to allow citizen input prior to such  
23 installation.

24 **SECTION TWO. Definitions.**

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1           A.     Eligible applicant: A property owner or tenant residing on a street block  
2 who proposes the installation of speed bumps and speed tables on the street block where  
3 the property owner or tenant resides.

4           B.     Property owner: The owner of a residential dwelling unit and/or complex  
5 on the street block proposed for installation of speed bumps.

6           C.     Speed bump: A strip of raised pavement on a street running perpendicular  
7 to the flow of traffic, installed for purposes of reducing vehicular speed.

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9           D.     Survey: The form approved by the Director of Streets for persons who  
10 own property or reside on streets where speed bumps are proposed to be installed  
11 to express their consent or objection to such installation pursuant to this  
12 ordinance.

13 **SECTION THREE. Application for installation of speed bumps and speed tables**

14 An eligible applicant may submit an application, on a form approved by the Streets  
15 Department, to the Director of Streets requesting installation of one or more speed bumps  
16 and speed tables on the eligible applicant's street block.

17 **SECTION FOUR. Criteria for determination of eligibility for installation of speed**  
18 **bumps and speed tables**

19 A. The Director of Streets shall review the application and determine whether the street  
20 block proposed for speed bumps and street tables complies with technical eligibility  
21 standards based on the Institute of Traffic Engineers standards and other relevant factors,  
22 such as, traffic volume, street width, accident frequency, block length and curvature, and  
23 grade of street.

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1 B. If the Director of Streets determines that the street block specified in the application is  
2 technically eligible for installation of one or more speed bumps pursuant to subsection A  
3 of this section, the Director of Streets shall identify in priority order the appropriate  
4 potential locations for installing speed bumps or speed tables on such block

5 **SECTION FIVE. Procedures for obtaining property owner consent for the**  
6 **placement of speed bumps or speed tables**

7 A. Upon a written determination by the Director of Streets that the street block specified  
8 in the application satisfies the requirements of this ordinance, the eligible applicant shall  
9 obtain written approval from the property owners whose property will face the proposed  
10 speed bump. A property owner is entitled to provide one consent or one objection to the  
11 proposed speed bump or speed table with respect to that property.

12 1. If the property abutting the proposed speed bump or speed table is a  
13 condominium, the eligible applicant shall obtain written approval from the property  
14 owner(s) whose window(s) face the street in which the proposed speed bump will be  
15 located. A property owner whose window(s) face the street in which the proposed speed  
16 bump will be located is entitled to provide one consent or one objection to the proposed  
17 speed bump or speed table with respect to that condominium.

18 2. If the property abutting the proposed speed bump or speed tables is an  
19 apartment development, the eligible applicant shall obtain written approval from the  
20 owner thereof. The owner of an apartment development is entitled to provide one consent  
21 or one objection to the proposed speed bump or speed table with respect to the entire  
22 apartment development.

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1           3. In cases where the dwelling unit is not occupied, the property owner or an  
2 authorized representative may consent or object to the proposed speed bump.

3 B. The eligible applicant shall contact the property owners, described in subsection A of  
4 this section, in the priority order determined by the Director of Streets as the best suited  
5 locations for installation of speed bumps or speed tables on the street, pursuant to this  
6 ordinance.

7 C. Should any property owner on such list object to the installation, the eligible applicant  
8 shall obtain written approval from the property owners identified by the Director of  
9 Streets as the next best location for installation of speed bumps or speed tables pursuant  
10 to this ordinance.

11 **SECTION SIX. Procedures for obtaining approval from persons or entities to install**  
12 **speed bumps an**

13 A. Upon obtaining written approval from abutting property owners for installation of one  
14 or more speed bumps at certain locations, as set forth in this ordinance, the Streets  
15 Department shall mail to the persons or entities listed below information describing the  
16 proposed installation of speed bumps and a survey requesting such persons or entities to  
17 identify whether they approve of or oppose the installation at the specified location. The  
18 following persons or entities shall receive an informational brochure:

19           1. The property owner or tenant residing in a single-family residence located on  
20 the block proposed for installation of speed bumps and speed tables.

21           2. The property owner or manager of an apartment development located on the  
22 block proposed for installation of speed bumps and speed tables.

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1           3. The president of the homeowners' association for any condominium  
2 development located on the block proposed for installation of speed bumps and speed  
3 tables.

4 B. The persons or entities entitled to receive surveys shall return the surveys to the Streets  
5 Department within sixty (60) days of the date the notices are mailed by the city.

6 C. At least sixty percent (60%) of the persons or entities entitled to receive surveys must  
7 approve installation of one or more speed bumps and speed tables at the specified  
8 location before the bumps may be installed. If less than sixty percent (60%) of such  
9 persons approve the installation, the application process shall terminate.

10 D. In determining the percentage of persons or entities who approve of or oppose  
11 installation of one or more speed bumps, the Streets Department shall consider the  
12 returned surveys in the following manner:

13           1. A property owner or tenant residing in a single-family residence shall be  
14 entitled to one consent or one objection for that residence.

15           2. Each apartment development and each condominium development shall be  
16 entitled to one consent or one objection for the entire development.

17 **SECTION SEVEN. Period for application process**

18 A. An application shall remain active for a three (3) month period following the mailing  
19 of the survey by the Streets Department pursuant to this ordinance. In the event that the  
20 required number of approvals are not received in accordance with this ordinance in such  
21 three (3) month period, the application shall expire and have no further force or effect  
22 under this article.

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1 B. An eligible applicant can reapply for installation of one or more speed bumps on a  
2 block one year from the date that the original application expired.

3 **SECTION EIGHT. Requests to remove speed bumps or speed tables**

4 A. A resident may make a request to remove a speed bump(s) or speed table(s) by filing  
5 an application therefore with the traffic and parking commission.

6 B. An application to request traffic and parking commission approval of the removal of a  
7 speed bump(s) or speed table(s) shall only be considered if such bump(s) have been  
8 installed for at least two (2) years, except as otherwise provided in subsection C of this  
9 section.

10 C. Under special circumstances, including, but not limited to, significant noise and safety  
11 problems, the Streets Department may approve removal of speed bumps or speed tables.

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