

TOWN OF CRAMERTON

Traffic Calming Policy Overview Flow Chart

Initiation

Requesting party submits traffic calming request to Planning Director



Analysis

Police Department staff to conduct "Traffic Analysis"



Findings

Analysis of findings to determine 'Class Z, A, or B' results as defined in the policy



'Class B' – Staff to coordinate with members of the affected community on which traffic calming measure best addresses public safety, and fits the community.



Actions

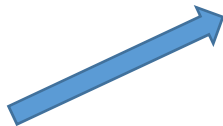
Staff to make recommendation to the BOC on the type of traffic calming measure to be implemented



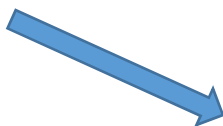
BOC to make final approval on traffic calming measure to be implemented.



Public Works, and Town staff to coordinate on any needed installation of traffic calming measures.



'Class Z' - No increased enforcement or traffic calming measures to be implemented at this time.



'Class A' - Police Department to increase enforcement on random basis. No additional traffic calming measures to be implemented at this time.



Traffic Calming Policy

Mission Statement

The Town of Cramerton wishes to have a procedure whereby the Town can incorporate traffic calming devices and systems in order to alleviate speeding, excessive traffic volume, dangerous intersections or other conditions that are of a public safety nature.

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to present ways in which the Town of Cramerton can find solutions to residential traffic problems as approved by the Cramerton Board of Commissioners. Consideration is given to a variety of residential traffic concerns on a case-by-case basis. Each situation is reviewed with respect to the available traffic control measures that have been, or could be, found effective to alleviate the traffic concern. The ability to provide traffic control measures is always subject to the availability of Town funding.

Traffic calming initiatives may include police enforcement, lower speed limit, parking controls, traffic circles, chicanes, street narrowing, turn restrictions, one-way streets, changed street patterns or design, multi-way stop intersections, speed humps, and/or other traffic calming measures deemed appropriate by the Town. The Town will exhaust all other initiatives to calm traffic prior to the installation of speed humps.

The following outlines the procedures which can be used to develop the optimum solution or solutions to each particular situation. There are many factors taken into consideration when reviewing residential traffic concerns to determine the most feasible traffic control measure. These factors include; the surrounding roadway network, resident access, speeds and/or volume of traffic, accident history, provision of emergency services, and budget considerations.

Initiation of Request

1. Any citizen, Town staff, or Commissioner can make a request for potential traffic calming. This request shall be in writing, and addressed to the Planning Director.
2. The written request should outline the nature of the traffic/public safety concern the requestor would like the Town to investigate. The request shall also indicate the street(s) the issue is being observed on, and any other relevant specifics of the perceived problem (time of day, day(s) of week, etc.)
3. Once the written request is received, the process of analysis of the concern begins.

Analysis

1. Once the request is received by the Planning Director, the information will be provided to the Town of Cramerton Police Dept. (CPD) to begin the analysis process.
2. Traffic information will be collected according to the protocol of the CPD. This will include the use of traffic monitoring devices to collect information such as speed, and volume on the street(s) in question. Additional information such as incident history, and other relevant traffic/safety data may be included in the analysis as well.
3. Analysis shall begin within 15 business days of the written request being received by the Planning Director.

Findings

1. Police Department will provide all findings of the traffic analysis to the Planning Director.
2. Planning Director determines if issue is Class Z, Class A or Class B
 - a. Class Z is average speed of at or below posted speed limit
 - b. Class A is average speed of 1-9 MPH over posted speed limit
 - c. Class B is average speed of 10+ MPH over posted speed limit
 - d. Must have at least 50 cars in a 24 HR period
 - e. If 50 car threshold is not met, Planning Director will coordinate additionally with Police Department and use discretion to determine the severity of traffic concerns.
3. If the data indicates a Class Z issue, there is no recommended action to be taken.
4. If the data indicates a Class A issue, the action to be taken is increased random enforcement by the Police Department, or such other measures as deemed appropriate by the Board of Commissioners in its discretion.
5. If the data indicates a Class B issue, Town staff will coordinate with the affected community to assess the type of traffic calming measures that would best address public safety and the nature of the issue.

Actions

1. The Planning Director will provide the findings of the study to the Board of Commissioners.
2. If it is determined the problem falls into Class B, the Planning Director will make a recommendation to the Board of Commissioners on the type of traffic calming measure would best address public safety. This recommendation will be made based on analysis by Town staff, in coordination with the residents of the affected community.
3. Board of Commissioners will provide the final approval of the type of traffic calming measure to be implemented.
 - a. Decisions to be made will take into account availability of funds to implement traffic calming on Town roads.
4. Public works, and Town staff will work to install traffic calming measures on the Town maintained streets as approved by the Board of Commissioners.
 - a. Based on the type of traffic calming measure being taken, outside contracting may be necessary to complete the work.