

ORDINANCE NO.2026-3

Town of Griffith, Indiana Traffic Calming Devices Ordinance

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF GRIFFITH, INDIANA, ESTABLISHING A POLICY AND PROCEDURE FOR THE INSTALLATION OF TRAFFIC CALMING DEVICES, INCLUDING SPEED HUMPS AND SPEED BUMPS.

WHEREAS the Town Council recognizes that excessive vehicle speeds on residential streets pose a threat to public safety; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council desires to establish a uniform, objective, and transparent process for evaluating requests for traffic calming measures;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED:

SECTION 1. PURPOSE

This Ordinance establishes a standardized procedure for evaluation and installation of traffic calming devices within the Town of Griffith.

SECTION 2. DEFINITIONS

Traffic Calming Devices include speed humps, speed bumps, raised crosswalks, and similar features.

Residential Street means a street primarily serving residential properties.

Petitioner means a resident requesting installation of traffic calming devices.

SECTION 3. INITIATION OF REQUEST

Residents may submit written requests to the Town Clerk, who shall forward them to the Chief of Police.

SECTION 4. INVESTIGATION BY CHIEF OF POLICE

The Chief of Police shall conduct a traffic study including speed, volume, crash history, and roadway conditions, and issue a written report.

SECTION 5. STREET ELIGIBILITY AND EXCLUSIONS

Devices shall NOT be installed on:

1. Arterial or collector streets
2. Emergency response routes
3. Streets over 30 mph speed limit
4. INDOT or county roadways
5. Primary school bus routes without approval
6. Streets with grade, drainage, or visibility concerns
7. Commercial or industrial streets
8. Streets interfering with emergency services or snow removal

SECTION 6. SAFETY COMMITTEE REVIEW

The Safety Committee shall review police findings, hold meetings if needed, and issue a recommendation or issue the placement of a Traffic Calming Device at any place where one was previously placed.

SECTION 7. TOWN COUNCIL ACTION

The Town Council has final authority by majority vote, considering all reports and public input.

SECTION 8. INSTALLATION STANDARDS

All devices shall comply with Federal Highway Administration guidance.

SECTION 9. FUNDING

Funding may come from municipal funds or cost-sharing arrangements.

SECTION 10. MAINTENANCE AND REMOVAL

The Town shall maintain devices and may remove them upon recommendation and Council approval.

SECTION 11. LIABILITY

Liability is limited under Indiana Tort Claims Act.

SECTION 12. SEVERABILITY

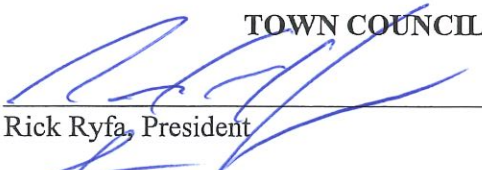
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SECTION 13. EFFECTIVE DATE

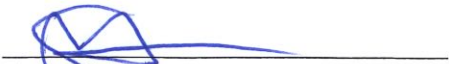
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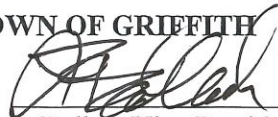
PASSED by the Town Council of the Town of Griffith, Indiana, this 2nd day of June, 2026, by a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

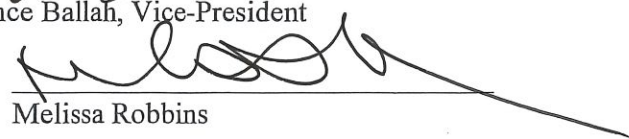
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Rick Ryfa, President

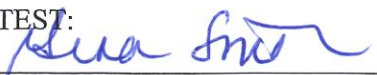

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