

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-12-01

REGULATIONS FOR THE INSTALLATIONS AND MAINTENANCE OF SPEEDBUMPS AND STREET SIGNS

SECTION 1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this ordinance is to establish a policy and process for speedbumps and street signs to be installed, removed, or maintained by the City of Vincent. This ordinance also establishes a policy and process for the acceptance of speedbumps and street signs installed by any other entity than the City of Vincent.

SECTION 2. SPEEDBUMP AND STREET SIGNS POLICY

The purpose of this policy is for the speedbumps or street signs owned and/or maintained by the City of Vincent and is to provide safety and security for the motorists throughout the City of Vincent as well as its citizens. The objective will be to reduce or eliminate motor vehicle accidents including accidents involving pedestrians.

SECTION 3. SPEEDBUMP AND STREET SIGN COMMITTEE/PLANNING COMMISSION

The City of Vincent shall have the City of Vincent Planning Commission provide a method of determining for the establishment of speedbumps and/or street signs. This committee shall also help determine if the City of Vincent should assume the responsibility of any speedbumps and/or street signs that the City of Vincent does not currently have responsibility for.

- a. The Commission shall consist of the Mayor, one Council Member, five District Members (one from each district) and one At Large Member.
- b. The City of Vincent Fire Chief will advise the Committee/Commission
- c. The Commission shall have the authority to consider and recommend action by the City Council on the need for removal and/or installation of speedbumps and street signs on public ways inside the City of Vincent. The Commission shall also have the authority to consider and recommend action on the request for the City to assume responsibility for any existing speedbumps or signs.
- d. The Commission shall make its decision upon findings of fact by a majority of the Commission
- e. Upon decision of the Commission, the recommendation shall then be forwarded to the City Council for its action.
- f. This will be at the discretion of the Mayor and City Council. The type of speedbump will be determined for what is best at the time of request.

SECTION 4. PROCEDURE FOR THE SPEEDBUMP AND STREET SIGNS CHANGES

- a. Any citizen of the City of Vincent may request the installation or removal of a speedbump or street sign.
- b. The request for a speedbump or sign change shall include the following information:
 1. An application provided by the city and completed by the petitioner.

2. An identification of the public way and the area on which the requested speedbump or sign would be installed.
 3. A description of the situation demonstrating the need for a speedbump or sign.
 4. Proof of notification of immediate abutters and property owners within a 500-foot radius of the speedbump or sign.
- c. Upon the receipt of the application, the speedbump and sign Committee/Planning Commission shall review the information to evaluate conformance to the purpose and criteria of this ordinance.
 - d. The Commission shall make its decision and a recommendation shall be forwarded to the City Council for action.

SECTION 5. PROCEDURE TO INSTALL SPEEDBUMPS AND STREET SIGNS

The City of Vincent will install speedbumps or street signs at locations that conform to the following qualifying conditions:

- a. The location is in a subdivision, neighborhood, community, etc. with multiple residents.
- b. The location of existing speedbumps (if any) are more than 600 feet apart.
- c. Speedbumps are a reasonable option to control vehicle speed.
- d. The street signs reflect the subdivision, neighborhood, community, etc. interests.
- e. The speedbumps and street signs make sense to protect residents within subdivisions, neighborhood, community, etc.

SECTION 6. INSTALLATION, ASSUMPTION OF FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY AND REMOVAL

- a. The City of Vincent may install, pay for, speedbumps and street signs in the following instances:
 1. The speed bumps or street signs are within the City of Vincent.
 2. To control speed of vehicles for safety within a subdivision, neighborhood, community, etc.
 3. Areas where there is constant pedestrian activity.
- b. The City of Vincent shall not install, pay for, or assume financial responsibility for speedbumps or street signs in the following instances:
 1. On private drives or on private property.
 2. The security of private property.
 3. Entrance to private drives.
- c. The City of Vincent shall only install or pay for a speedbump or street sign on existing roads or right-of-ways owned by the municipality or a public utility and which is located within a public right-of-way.

SECTION 7. CRITERIA

In general, speedbumps and street signs will not be located on State, County, and Federal property as necessary.

Speedbumps and street signs may be located where it is determined that sufficient hazards exist to vehicular and pedestrian traffic due to permanent roadways. Speedbumps will not be funded where prohibited by criteria.

SECTION 8. REPEALER

All ordinances or part of ordinance heretofore adopted by the City of Vincent that are inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby expressly repealed.

SECTION 9. SEVERABILITY


In any part, section or subdivision of this ordinance shall be held unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, such holding shall not be construed to invalidate or impair the remainder of this ordinance, which shall continue in full force and effect notwithstanding such holding.

SECTION 10. EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption and posting/publication as provided by Alabama law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City Council of the City of Vincent affirms the Planning Commission’s recommendation and approves the Ordinance for Speedbumps and Street Signs.

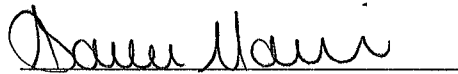
Approved and adopted this 7th day of February 2023



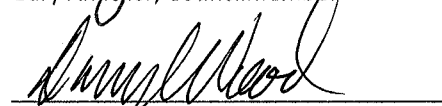
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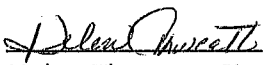


Ralph Kimble, Councilmember



Corey Abrams, Councilmember

I, the undersigned City Clerk of the City of Vincent, Alabama, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is an ordinance lawfully passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Vincent, Alabama, at a meeting of such Council held on the 7th day of February 2023, and that such ordinance is on file in the office of the City Clerk.

Attested by: 

Helen Thweatt, City Clerk