

Traffic Control Guidelines

If you are interested in requesting a traffic control device on your street, please follow the instructions below.

The following process shall be used as a guideline to approve, if applicable, future traffic control device locations in the City of LaGrange:

1. Letter of Request

The first step is to submit a letter requesting traffic control devices on your street. Please send a letter of request by mail or email to:

LaGrange Public Works

1115 Home Way

or

crusnak@lagrangeky.net

LaGrange KY 40031

2. Petition

Once a request has been filed with the Public Works Department, the citizen support for the project must be demonstrated through a petition showing 66% support of occupied properties on the affected street. Unoccupied properties shall be listed on the petition which will be verified by City staff. The resident requesting the traffic control device will be responsible for circulating the petition and returning ballots to Public Works for review. The petition shall consist of 1 signature from each property owner adjacent to the affected street. Only properties which abut the affected street will be calculated towards the total signatures needed. Persons renting or leasing a property are not eligible to sign the petition. Signatures shall be from the person and/or persons that own the property. A letter of support from the neighborhood HOA (if applicable) must be attached with the petition. Once a 66% petition has been received and verified, the city staff will conduct an investigation to see if all criteria set forth has been met to initialize the installation of traffic control device.

3. Criteria

The following criteria must be met in or to be eligible for a speed hump to be installed. Placement of stop signs and/or reduction in speed will be based on the traffic study data gathered. Should all the criteria not be met, the Public Works Director shall issue a letter of denial for said street.

- The street shall be a minimum of 600 feet in length
- The street shall be a maximum of 24 feet in width
- The street shall not be on an emergency vehicle route (police, fire station or hospital)
- The street shall not be used for commercial access and/or mixed residential and commercial use
- The street should have a minimum distance of 600 feet between existing stop signs or traffic signals and/or existing speed humps
- There must be a minimum stopping sight distance of 300' at the traffic control device to ensure safe visibility of slowing vehicles

4. Traffic Study

A traffic study to obtain vehicular speed and volume data will be undertaken and its results compared to the following criteria:

1. The street must have a minimum average daily traffic (ADT) volume of 500; volumes of less than 500 indicate the street is serving as a true local residential street with minimal disruption to the neighborhood.
2. On streets with ADT volumes between 500 and 3,500, at least 40% of the traffic in at least one direction must be traveling at or above the posted speed limit; on streets with ADT volumes greater than 3,500, at least 50% of the

- traffic in at least one direction must be traveling at or above the posted speed limit.
3. On streets with ADT volumes between 500 and 3,500, the 85th Percentile Speed must be at least 35 MPH (i.e. 85% of the traffic must be traveling at or below 35 MPH) in at least one direction; on streets with ADT volumes greater than 3,500, the 85th Percentile Speed must be at least 40 MPH in at least one direction.
 4. If the street is immediately adjacent to property of an elementary school, City recreation center, or public park, at least 30% of the traffic must be traveling at or above the posted speed limit and the 85th Percentile Speed must be at least 31 MPH.

Should the candidate street(s) not meet the above traffic speed and volume requirements, the Public Works Director will deny the request for traffic control device. Once a speed count is conducted on a given street, it will not be revisited for a minimum of five years unless known changes have taken place that may have significantly altered traffic conditions on the street

Questions?

Call or email the Public Works Director, Corey Rusnak, crusnak@lagrangeky.net or (502) 222-8954

