

6CITY OF NEWTON  
IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMITTEE AGENDA  
SPECIAL MEETING  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2010

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Room 202 **PLEASE NOTE ROOM CHANGE**

**REFERRED TO PS&T AND PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMITTEE**

#196-09     ALD. MANSFIELD AND SANGIOLO requesting rescission of Sec. 19-99 (b),  
Speed humps of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Newton. [06/17/09 @  
11:24 PM]

**REFERRED TO PS&T AND PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMITTEES**

#196-09(2)     PUBLIC SAFETY & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE requesting to broaden  
Sec. 19-99, Speed humps of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Newton to  
cover all vertical deflection: raised intersections, raised crosswalks and speed  
humps, regardless of dimension. [01/20/10]

All other items will be held without discussion.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sydra Schnipper, Chairman

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Shawna,

The attached Board Order has been reviewed by the Law Dept (Marie Lawlor) for submittal to the Board of Aldermen. The PS&T Committee approved this docket item on 6/9/10, referring it to PF, and it was heard by PF on October 4. The underlined text was added following further PF discussion on November 3 and a meeting with President Lennon on December 1.

This proposed Ordinance will improve our process for accepting and responding to traffic calming requests, provide staff the ability to screen them, and gives the Board ultimate authority for approving raised traffic calming devices, such as raised crosswalks. I look forward to discussing with the PF Committee on Monday at 7pm.

Please include this email and the attached draft Board Order in the Friday packet.

Thanks,

Clint Schuckel  
Associate City Engineer

**CITY OF NEWTON**  
**IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN**

**ORDINANCE NO.**

**November , 2010**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF  
NEWTON AS FOLLOWS:**

**1. That the Revised Ordinances of Newton, Massachusetts, 2007, as amended, be  
and are hereby further amended with respect to Chapter 19 as follows:**

**A. Insert in the catchline of section 19-29, after the word “petitions” the  
following language:**

“; determination of eligibility for hearing.

**B. Number the existing paragraph of Section 19-29 as (a), and add the  
following two new paragraphs (b) and (c):**

“(b) The chairman of the traffic council shall refer all docketed petitions to the department of public works for a preliminary determination of eligibility for hearing in accordance with the threshold standards provided in subsection (c) below. Any petition which the department determines does not meet the following threshold standards shall be ineligible for further consideration for at least one year and not be added to the traffic council docket. The petitioner and the board of aldermen shall be so notified in writing by the traffic council. Petitions meeting the threshold standards shall proceed to a hearing before the traffic council in accordance with the provisions of Section 19-31.

(c) Threshold standards for traffic council hearing eligibility.

(1) Petitions for stop signs, traffic signals, and all other regulatory devices shall meet the minimum standards set forth in the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways, latest edition, with amendments, as adopted by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts;

(2) Petitions for school zones, truck exclusions, and speed limits shall meet the minimum standards established by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation; and

(3) Petitions for traffic calming measures shall meet all of the following standards:

- i. traffic volume on the street is greater than 1,000 vehicles per day;
- ii. measured 85th percentile speeds are equal to or greater than 9 mph above the speed limit;
- iii. for vertical deflections, street classification shall be minor collector or local street; and
- iv. for raised crossing(s), the minimum criteria established by the City crosswalk policy shall be met.

(4) The Traffic Council shall hear site-specific requests, even if the above thresholds for hearing eligibility are not met, under one of the following conditions:

- i. as directed by the Board of Aldermen via site plan approval, special permit condition, or other Board action; or
- ii. where a CDBG grant or other source of public funding has been formally allocated to fully or partially fund a site-specific traffic calming project.”

**C. Delete the provisions of section 19-99 in their entirety.**

**2. That the Revised Ordinances of Newton, Massachusetts, 2007, as amended, be and are hereby further amended with respect to Section 26-51 as follows:**

**A. Add, after paragraph (a) the following new language:**

“(b) Projects that include the addition, relocation, or removal of vertical deflections in a public roadway surface constructed for the primary purpose of reducing vehicle speeds. Such devices include, but are not limited to: speed humps, raised crosswalks, and raised intersections.

Prior to approval of projects under a) and b), the Board of Aldermen shall review the associated Traffic Council action and its consistency with Board policies set forth in Section 19-33a; and”

**B. Renumber existing paragraph (b) to (c).**

Approved as to legal form and character:

DONNALYN B. LYNCH KAHN  
City Solicitor

Under Suspension of Rules  
Readings Waived and Adopted

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
Approved:

(SGD) DAVID A. OLSON  
City Clerk

(SGD) SETT D. WARREN  
Mayor