

Jenkintown Borough Police Department

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PETITION FOR RESIDENTIAL TRAFFIC CALMING

BEFORE SIGNING THIS PETITION, RESIDENT SHOULD READ THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IN ITS ENTIRETY TO ENSURE THEY UNDERSTAND HOW TRAFFIC CALMING DEVICE MAY IMPACT THEIR STREET.

Eligible Streets

A street will be considered for the installation of traffic calming features, provided that the street meets all of the following criteria:

- The street is located in an area zoned residential.
- The posted speed limit is 25 mph or less.
- The block is at least 500 feet in length and the road grade is 8% or less (if vertical deflection measures are proposed.)
- Where a suspected 'cut through' traffic problem is the concern, the street has an average daily traffic (ADT) volume which exceeds the calculated average weekday trips based on the ITE Trip Generation Manual (8th edition or latest) for the number of units along the street being considered or the peak hour volume exceeds the calculated average peak hour of adjacent street traffic trips based on ITE Trip Generation Manual (8th edition or latest) for the number of units along the street being considered.
- Two thirds of the street must front on residences, parks, and/or schools.
- Where a suspected 'speeding' problem is the concern, the 85th percentile speed is 30 mph or greater.
- The street is not an alley.
- The street is not part of a public transportation route.
- The street is owned and maintained by the Borough.

Petition Requirements

A petition shall be submitted to the Borough signed by property owners from a minimum of 50% of the total number of affected properties within the neighborhood boundaries determined by Borough staff. In the event there are multiple owners of a property, only one property owner shall be counted for that parcel. The purpose of obtaining signatures from owners of a minimum of 50% of the affected properties is to verify there are a significant number of residents interested in traffic calming before proceeding through the remainder of the traffic calming program. Signatures from affected property owners within the neighborhood boundary are required so that representatives from multiple streets within the neighborhood may be included.

Traffic Studies

After the petition has been received and accepted, Borough staff will schedule traffic studies on the critical roadways to determine average 85th percentile speeds and average daily traffic volumes as funding permits. A review of the crash history will also be performed for a period of three (3) years. Only the roadways with an 85th percentile speed that exceeds the speed limit by 5 mph will be considered for traffic calming measures. Borough staff will analyze the traffic data and evaluate it based upon the criteria and point system detailed in Jenkintown Borough’s Residential Traffic Calming Policy.

Points will be totaled per street. In areas involving multiple roadways, the neighborhood will be prioritized based on the street with the highest single point value. After this analysis, petitioning neighborhood areas which score less than 2.5 points minimum from the combined ranking scale for crash history, traffic volumes, and vehicle speeds will be not eligible for the construction of traffic calming features through this program. Petitioning neighborhood areas that score 2.5 points or more will be eligible for the construction of the enhanced traffic calming features through this program and may proceed with the remaining steps described herein. If initial traffic studies show that there are other potentially impacted roads in the area, additional traffic studies on those roads may need to be conducted. These studies will be conducted as funding permits.

Petitioning neighborhood areas which score less than the minimum 2.5 points who wish to re-petition at a later time shall wait a minimum of three (3) years from the date the previous petition was received by Borough staff before submitting a new petition for the same area, unless Borough staff determines a change in traffic conditions has significantly impacted the neighborhood area since the previous petition was reviewed. Such significant changes may include new construction, roadway improvements, changes in land use, or similar changes creating regional impacts. Petitioning neighborhood areas that score less than the minimum 2.5 points may pursue alternative education methods to increase awareness of traffic concerns within the neighborhood as described in this Policy

Petition

We, the undersigned, hereby request that Jenkintown Borough consider this petition for a Traffic Calming in the area designated below.

(please attach a drawing/map to show are to be designated)

_____	_____
Name of Primary Roadway of Concern	Between which Intersections
_____	_____
Name of Applicant	Address of Applicant
<u>(“Applicant” is the resident circulating the petition)</u>	
_____	_____
Date	Phone Number

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Number of Homes in Designated Area: ____.

-One (1) Property Owner Signature per Address-

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