

ORDINANCE 2025 - _____

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 20 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF VICKSBURG BY ADDING ARTICLE III TO ESTABLISH GUIDELINES FOR THE INSTALLATION OF SPEED HUMPS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Vicksburg, Mississippi (hereinafter “Board”) is empowered pursuant to Mississippi Code Annotated Section 21-13-1 to pass all ordinances and to enforce the same; and

WHEREAS, the Board is further tasked with protecting the health and safety of citizens of the City of Vicksburg, Mississippi and are hereby authorized to construct and install speed bumps or humps on roads or streets within city limits; and

WHEREAS, speeding and unsafe driving practices on residential streets within the city’s limits are of great concern to neighborhood residents. That speeding and unsafe driving significantly increase the chances of serious injuries or deaths or property damage.

WHEREAS, the Board has determined it to be in the best interest of the City of Vicksburg to establish guidelines for the installation of speed humps to calm traffic along neighborhood roads and streets by reducing speeds and encouraging safe driving practices.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Vicksburg, as follows:

That Chapter 20 STREETS AND SIDEWALKS of the City of Vicksburg Code of Ordinance shall be amended and Article III of Chapter 20 is hereby adopted to read as follows:

ARTICLE III. SPEED HUMPS

Sec. 20-52. Purpose.

- (a) Speeding and unsafe driving practices on residential streets are a concern to the City of Vicksburg’s residents. Excessive speeding jeopardizes both safety and livability in city neighborhoods.
- (b) This Ordinance provides for the installation of speed humps to calm traffic along neighborhood streets.
- (c) This Ordinance provides reasonable opportunities for the installation of speed humps on residential streets based upon technical criteria, the degree of support from residents along the proposed street and the street conditions.

Sec. 20-53. Eligibility Requirements.

For a street or road to be considered for speed hump installation in the City of Vicksburg, the proposed street or road must meet the following criteria:

- (a) The street or road must be classified as a public road and must be primarily residential in nature serving local residents and must have minimal truck and transit traffic with a volume being more than 100 vehicles per day but less than 3,000 vehicles per day.
- (b) The street or road must be paved and have a speed limit of thirty (30) mph or less.
- (c) The street or road must only have two travel lanes.
- (d) Speed humps will not be used on streets or roads that fire or emergency service vehicles use as primary routes.

- (e) The street or road must be within city limits.

Sec. 20-54. Procedures.

- (a) Citizens or Neighborhood Associations (hereinafter referred to as "Applicant") may obtain a copy of a petition to install a speed hump from the City of Vicksburg City Clerk's office located on the second floor of City Hall located at 1401 Walnut Street, Vicksburg, Mississippi 39183.
- (b) Upon obtaining the petition, the applicant must circulate the petition to all residents who live on the street with the requested speed hump being identified on the petition. The applicant circulating the petition must make an effort to obtain signatures of all residents on the affected segment of the street. The petition must contain at least one point of contact. At least 75% of the residents along the street or road or who normally use the street or road for ingress and egress to their property, must support the installation of the speed hump for the speed hump petition to be considered for approval. Upon completion, the speed hump petition should be filed with the City Clerk's Office.
- (c) A traffic study will be performed by the City's Public Works Department to determine whether the street or road meets the speed hump guidelines for a residential area. The petition for streets or roads not meeting the speed hump guidelines will be denied.
- (d) The Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Vicksburg shall make the final determination whether the requested speed hump will be installed based on the following:
 - 1. Recommendation of the Public Works Department for placement and location in accordance with safe engineering practices.
 - 2. The petition for the request signed by no less than 75% of the property owners as described in this section.
- (e) The Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Vicksburg, in its discretion, may elect to install speed humps or not install speed humps for good cause.

Sec. 20-55. Design Standards and Location Procedures.

- (a) Speed humps shall not be installed in front of driveways. They should be at least five (5) feet to ten (10) feet away from front driveways.
- (b) Speed humps shall not be installed over, or contain, manholes, water valves or be located adjacent to fire hydrants.
- (c) Speed humps located near drainage inlets shall be installed downstream of storm drain inlet.
- (d) Speed humps should be located near street lights to illuminate them at night. Installation of humps should take advantage of existing or planned street lighting.
- (e) Speed humps shall not be located in horizontal or vertical curves where visibility of the speed hump is limited nor on approaches to these curves.
- (f) The approved speed hump should be 20-30 feet in length. The top of the speed hump shall be two (2) to three (3) inches in height.
- (g) Speed humps will usually be placed between 400 and 700 feet apart. On single short blocks (300-800 feet), a single bump positioned near the mid-point may be considered sufficient. On single blocks of moderate length (500-1000 feet), a two-bump configuration may be considered adequate. On long blocks (1000-1600 feet), three or more bumps may be considered adequate.
- (h) Speed humps shall be placed 50 to 200 feet away from intersections, traffic signals, yield sign and stop signs.
- (i) A warning sign shall be installed to notify motorists of the speed hump.

Sec. 20-56. Cost Responsibility.

The City of Vicksburg shall bear the responsibility of the cost for speed hump installation, including hump signs, pavement markings, and if necessary other special design features.

Sec. 20-57. Speed Hump Removal

- (a) Speed humps will be removed only when the following criteria have been met:
1. Applicant must apply for the removal of the speed humps using the removal request form.
 2. The speed humps must have been in place for a minimum of two (2) years before being considered for removal.
 3. 75% of the affected property owners must sign the removal request form to have them removed or the Public Works Department must make a determination that there is some safety or engineering issue that adversely impacts traffic on the street or roadway.

Sec. 20-58. Severability.

If, for any reason, any portion or portions of this ordinance shall be held invalid, such invalidity shall in no way affect the remaining portions thereof which are valid, and that such valid portions shall be and remain in full force and effect.

SO ORDAINED this the ____ day of October, 2025.

The Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Vicksburg

Willis Thompson, Mayor

Thomas J. Mayfield, Alderman

Vickie Y. Bailey, Alderwoman

CERTIFICATE

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

COUNTY OF WARREN

CITY OF VICKSBURG

I, Deborah A. Kaiser-Nickson, the duly and legally appointed, qualified and Acting City Clerk and lawful custodian of the Minutes of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Vicksburg and Seal of said City, certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of an Ordinance Adopted by The Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Vicksburg at a Regular Board Meeting held on Monday, October 6, 2025.

WITNESS my signature and seal of the City of Vicksburg this the 6th day of October 2025.

Deborah A. Kaiser-Nickson, City Clerk