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LEGAL NOTICE
DATED March 19, 2025

The public is hereby notified of the
City of Priceville
Public Hearing
To hear feedback from the residents of Priceville regarding
a proposed speed hump ordinance
MONDAY, April 14, 2025 @ 6:30 P.M.
City of Priceville Municipal Building
242 Marco Drive
Decatur, AL 35603

For further information:
Call City Hall, Ph. 256-355-5476 Ext.0
Email City Clerk at shannonweissend@cityofpriceville.com
Notice posted at the following four locations within the City of Priceville:
Priceville Municipal Building, 242 Marco Drive
Priceville Public Library, 1612 S Bethel Rd
Priceville Foodland Grocery Store
Marathon Station

ORDINANCE 2025 -06

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE AND TO PROVIDE FOR STANDARDS AND PROCEDURES FOR INSTALLATION OF SPEED HUMPS FOR PURPOSES OF TRAFFIC CALMING AND INCREASING COMPLIANCE WITH SPEED LIMITS ON RESIDENTIAL STREETS IN THE CITY OF PRICEVILLE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PRICEVILLE, ALABAMA,
ON THE _____ DAY OF _____, 2025, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Title:

This ordinance shall be known and may be cited as the Priceville Speed Hump Ordinance.

Section 2. Purpose

This ordinance is enacted for the purpose of authorizing, and establishing standards and procedures for approval of, the installation of speed humps as a means of increasing compliance with speed limits on residential streets in the City of Priceville.

Section 3. Findings

It is the finding of the City Council of the City of Priceville that “speed humps”, defined as parabolic vertical traffic calming devices intended to slow traffic speeds on low volume, low speed residential streets, if installed properly in appropriate locations have the desirable effect of slowing traffic to speeds within most residential speed limits, and may be useful for that purpose when properly authorized, and installed. The City Council further finds that it is in the public interest for the City to consider the factors favoring installation of speed humps when requested by a significant majority of residents on a residential street, and to consider factors which suggest that installation of speed humps may not be useful or appropriate for a particular location.

Section 4. Installation of speed humps; procedure.

- (a) The installation and use of speed humps on residential streets in the City of Priceville is hereby authorized where approved under the conditions and procedures included in this ordinance.
- (b) Speed humps only will be installed only where all of the following conditions apply:
 - (1) The street is a residential street; and
 - (2) The street currently has a reasonable speed limit up to 30 miles per hour; and
 - (3) The street has a demonstrated speed problem as defined below; and
 - (4) A petition on the form provided below has been submitted to the City Clerk signed by an occupant or occupants of two-thirds of the residences located on the street; and
 - (5) Installation is determined to be useful and appropriate by a professional consulting traffic engineer engaged by the City; and
 - (6) the City Council approves the installation.
- (c) For purposes of this section, a street will be considered to have a demonstrated speed problem when the percentage of vehicles on the street exceeding the speed limit on the street, within an observed or tested representative period or periods of time, exceeds 25 percent, as determined by the Priceville Police Department.
- (d) For purposes of this section, a petition requesting speed humps for a residential street in the City of Priceville must be in substantially the following form:

We, the undersigned residents of _____ [street], do hereby petition and request the City Council to install speed humps along _____ [street] from _____ [cross-street or intersection] to _____ [cross-street or intersection]. We understand that the proper installation of speed humps generally is considered effective in reducing the speed of traffic. We also understand and accept that even properly installed speed humps, if travelled over at an excessive rate of speed, may cause some discomfort, may lengthen the time required by us to travel on the street where installed, and will necessitate the placement of signs and warnings that may be aesthetically displeasing. In addition, we understand

and accept that the position of speed humps will not be determined by us or the Council, but rather will be determined by a professional traffic engineer and either the humps themselves or signs warning of the humps may be placed directly in front of our homes. Despite knowledge of these potentially adverse consequences, we request that the Council install speed humps on _____ [street]. All of the undersigned are residents of the City of Priceville living on _____ [street].

(e) Although not dispositive, the council, in determining whether speed humps are

installed, should consider, evaluate and address the following:

(1) the written opinion and recommendation of a professional consulting traffic engineer engaged by the City to evaluate and provide a professional opinion on the appropriateness of speed humps on the referenced street;

(2) the potential for delay or effect on emergency services;

(3) the potential shifting of traffic problems from one residential street to another and whether other more appropriate streets for potential diversion are available and likely to be used;

(4) the potential inconvenience to persons normally using the street;

(5) heavy, regular use of the street by trucks, buses, bicycles or pedestrians; and

(6) any other factor that is likely to impact either the street in question or the surrounding area.

(f) After a petition with the requisite number of signatures has been delivered to the city

clerk, the council shall set a formal public hearing to consider and discuss the issue.

The following notice is required:

(1) The normal legal notice required to residents within the affected impact area (all residents within 500 feet) as provided for any zoning request;

(2) A minimum of ten days' publication on the City of Priceville's website;

(3) Letters sent via first class United States mail, at least ten days prior to the public hearing to all residents along the affected street(s);

(4) Letters sent via first class United States mail, a minimum of ten days prior to the public hearing to all police, fire and ambulance services;

(5) Letters sent via first class United States mail, a minimum of ten days prior to the public hearing, to public schools attended by residents on the street; and

(6) Posting of notices for a minimum of ten days on each affected street and at City of Priceville's Municipal Building.

(g) Any time after the public hearing, council may consider and vote on the issue of whether speed humps are to be installed. If the council does decide to install speed humps, then the council shall direct the approximate date or timeframe for installation, to be undertaken by the Mayor, upon funding of the cost of installation. Once the date or timeframe of installation is determined, advance notice concerning the date of installation shall be sent via first class United States mail to:

- (1) All residents of all affected street or streets;
- (2) All police, fire and ambulance services; and
- (3) Public schools attended by residents of the street or streets.

(h) In addition, notice shall be posted on the affected street or streets for a minimum of ten days immediately prior to the installation of speed humps.

(i) Unless otherwise specifically stated in the ordinance providing for the installation of speed humps, the speed humps to be installed shall have the following characteristics:

- (1) Material shall be compression-molded, 100 percent recycled synthetic and natural rubber composite; with a tensile strength minimum of 500 psi; A shore hardness minimum of 70A; and with a specific gravity of 1.1.
- (2) Humps are to be constructed and positioned as best determined by city public works staff after consultation with the consulting traffic engineer, the chief of Police Department, and the chief of the Priceville Volunteer Fire Department.
- (3) Proper signage regarding speed humps shall be placed on the street providing warnings of the speed humps. As the signs themselves may not be "aesthetically pleasing" to homeowners, their use should be held to a minimum, while at the same time importing adequate notice to drivers and as provided for in the Alabama Uniform Traffic Control Manual. Because the use of speed humps is new to the City of Priceville, the city shall conduct a study within eight months

of the installation of the speed humps in order to assess and determine the following:

- (i) The effectiveness of the humps in reducing speed or excessive traffic;
- (ii) The effect, if any, that the installation of the humps has had on the diversion of traffic; and
- (iii) Any other effect, whether foreseen or unforeseen, that the installation of the humps has had. If, at that time, the city council determines that the negative impact of the humps is greater than their positive impact, the council may authorize the removal of the speed humps and corresponding signage. Unless otherwise specifically authorized in another ordinance, council shall not disturb the installation of speed humps for a minimum period of eight months.

Section 5. Effective Date.

This ordinance shall be effective upon its adoption and publication as required by law.

READ, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED AT A REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PRICEVILLE, ALABAMA, ON THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2025.

Sam Heflin
Mayor and Presiding Officer of the City Council,
City of Priceville, Alabama

ATTEST:

Shannon Weissend, City Clerk