

ORDINANCE 99-08

To Authorize the Installation of Traffic Calming Devices (Covenanter Drive Between College Mall Road and High Street)

- WHEREAS, Indiana Code 9-21-4-3 authorizes cities to install traffic calming devices on their public streets as long as the design and use of these devices conform to generally accepted engineering principles of road design; and
- WHEREAS, the City is establishing a Neighborhood Traffic Safety Program, which will include guidelines and procedures for the installation of these devices; and
- WHEREAS, the program is intended to promote the livability of neighborhoods and encourage more pedestrian activities along neighborhood streets by discouraging motorists from speeding, from using local streets as a short cut or detour around congested areas, and from parking their cars while going to destinations outside of the neighborhood; and
- WHEREAS, the program procedures, which are still being formulated, currently include the following steps:
- 1) a petition identifying the problem, sponsored by a council member, and signed by at least 67% of the affected households on the street would be submitted to the Bike and Pedestrian Safety Commission (Commission);
 - 2) the Engineering staff would verify the petition, clarify the problem and then forward a report to the Commission;
 - 3) upon a positive recommendation from the Commission, the Engineering staff, in consultation with the neighborhood and Commission, would prepare a plan that identifies the problem and the objectives, provides alternative solutions, and makes a recommendation;
 - 4) a majority of the households and businesses on the street and the Commission would need to approve the plan;
 - 5) the Commission would rank proposals and recommend which should be funded;
 - 6) the Common Council would either approve, reject, or modify a traffic calming proposal;
 - 7) the Board of Public Works would oversee the installation, maintenance, and future evaluation of the approved projects; and
- WHEREAS, residents of households on Covenanter Drive between High Street and College Mall Road have submitted a petition to the Commission, which has been reviewed by the Engineering staff, and validated by the Commission; and
- WHEREAS, the need to reduce the speed of traffic on this portion of Covenanter Drive requires action by the Common Council prior to the adoption of the final traffic calming guidelines and procedures;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, MONROE COUNTY, INDIANA, THAT:

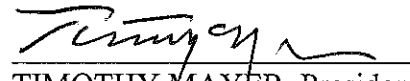
SECTION 1. The City Engineer is hereby directed to prepare appropriate alternative designs for traffic calming devices on Covenanter Drive between High Street and College Mall Road that follow generally accepted engineering principles of road design and submit them to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Commission in time for consideration at their meeting on May 3, 1999.

SECTION 2. The traffic calming device(s) shall not be installed until after the Bicycle and Pedestrian Commission, a majority of the households on Covenanter Drive, and the Common Council, by resolution, have approved the device(s). Unless test installations prove unsatisfactory or unforeseen circumstances like the weather make installation impracticable, the City shall permanently install the selected traffic calming device(s) no later than 60 days after the Council has adopted a resolution approving them.

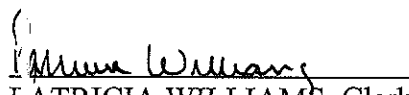
SECTION 3. Severability. If any sections, sentence or provision of this ordinance, or the application thereof to any person or circumstances shall be declared invalid, such invalidity shall not affect any of the other sections, sentences, provisions, or applications of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable.

SECTION 4. Enactment. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington and approval of the Mayor.

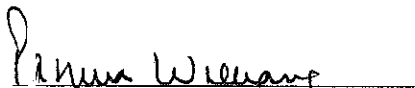
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this 24th day of March, 1999.


TIMOTHY MAYER, President
Bloomington Common Council

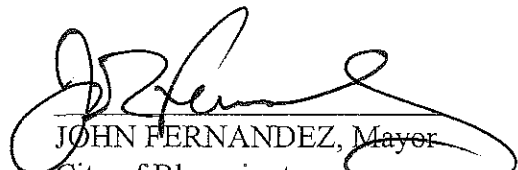
ATTEST:


PATRICIA WILLIAMS, Clerk
City of Bloomington

PRESENTED by me to the Mayor of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this 24 day of March, 1999.


PATRICIA WILLIAMS, Clerk
City of Bloomington

SIGNED and APPROVED by me upon this 24 day of March, 1999.


JOHN FERNANDEZ, Mayor
City of Bloomington

SYNOPSIS

This ordinance is sponsored by Jim Sherman and authorizes the installation of traffic calming devices on Covenant Drive between College Mall Road and High Street. The devices would be installed only after a majority of the households on Covenant Drive and the Bicycle and Pedestrian Commission approve the design prepared by the City Engineer. *Note: The Council adopted Amendment 1 which requires a council resolution before the devices may be permanently installed.*

Signed copies to:
Engineering Dept
Public Works

SCHEDULE J-1

TRAFFIC CALMING LOCATIONS

<u>Street</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Type of Device</u>
First Street	Sheridan Drive	High Street	Speed Humps (12')
Morningside Drive	Third Street	Smith Road	Speed Humps (12')
Sixth Street	Intersection at Oak Street		Traffic Circle
Sixth Street	West of the intersection at Rogers Street		Street Narrowing
Sixth Street	Intersection at Waldron Street		Traffic Circle
Third Street	West of the intersection at Rogers Street		Street Narrowing