

SPEED BUMPS / HUMPS

Why shouldn't we have speed bumps to slow down the hotrodders?

The control of speeding in residential neighborhoods, while maintaining acceptably safe street and roadway conditions, is a wide-spread concern which requires persistent law enforcement effort. The inability of posted speed limit signs to curb the intentional violator, leads to frequent request for installation of "speed bumps/humps" in public streets and alleys. However, actual tests of various experimental designs have demonstrated the physical inability of speed bumps/humps to control all types of light weight and heavy weight vehicles successfully. In fact, a soft sprung sedan is encouraged to increase speed for better ride, while some vehicles may lose control.

Currently, the City does not install speed bumps/humps on public streets. Installation and maintenance costs, emergency response delays, diversion of traffic to adjacent neighborhood streets, and acceleration/deceleration noise generated because of the speed bumps are just a few of the reasons for not installing the devices.

We encourage neighbors who are concerned about speeding in their area to work in groups to combat the problem. You can make a difference by driving 25 MPH or less in residential areas and by avoiding the use of local streets as shortcuts.