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I'm requesting traffic calming (speed humps) on my street to deter speeding vehicles.

What's the process?

1. Contact Howard County Traffic Engineering Division at 410-313-2430 or traffic@howardcountymd.gov
2. A speed study will be conducted over a 48 hour period. The speed study will collect traffic volumes and speed data. This data is useful to document the existing traffic conditions along the street.
3. To qualify for consideration of traffic calming, there are three main criteria which must be satisfied. The results of the speed study will be compared with the following criteria:
 - a. There must be a minimum of 1200 vehicles and a maximum of 4000 vehicles per day on the road. This includes all traffic in both directions during the 24-hour period.
 - b. The 85th percentile speed measured must be equal to or greater than 10 MPH over the posted speed limit of 25 MPH or 30 MPH, but no more than 45 MPH. The 85th percentile speed (operating speed) is the speed that 85% of the drivers are traveling at or below.
 - c. A road must have more than 50% residential frontage (direct driveway access) and be classified as a local street or minor collector.
 - d. The roadway section under consideration must be equal to or greater than 1200 feet in length and must not exceed a 6% grade.
 - e. The roadway shall NOT fall within an Automated Speed Enforcement School Zone.

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