

# Regular Meeting

<b>Agenda Item #</b>	6
<b>Meeting Date</b>	April 13, 2015
<b>Prepared By</b>	Daryl Braithwaite Public Works Director
<b>Approved By</b>	Suzanne Ludlow City Manager

<b>Discussion Item</b>	Ordinance Authorizing the Installation of Traffic Calming in the 7700 Block of Garland Avenue
<b>Background</b>	<p>Residents of Garland Avenue submitted a petition to request the installation of traffic calming measures on the 7700 block of Garland Avenue, near Carroll Avenue, to slow traffic and protect pedestrians. A public hearing was held on February 24, 2014. At the conclusion of the public hearing, City Council advised the Public Works staff and neighborhood members to work together to identify the type and location of appropriate traffic calming measures and bring the recommendations back to the Council through a two-reading ordinance.</p> <p>The Department held a community meeting on May 7, 2014 to discuss possible options with the residents. As a result of the meeting, City staff moved forward with development of a bump out to be located about 100 feet from the intersection with Carroll Avenue on the odd side of the street. This bump-out location also lends itself to functioning as a bio-retention facility.</p> <p>In September, the City was notified that a gas main replacement project was scheduled for the area of Garland Avenue and Greenwood Avenue. The Washington Gas project got underway in October 2014. The installation and pipe replacement work is completed and some restoration work remains.</p> <p>In January 2015, City staff received an additional request from several residents of the street to add a second bump out close to the city line between 7715 and 7721 Garland Avenue. Department staff have reviewed that additional request and determined that a second bump-out could be placed in that location.</p>
<b>Policy</b>	<p>Takoma Park Code, Title 13, Sections 13.28.010 - Erection and maintenance of traffic calming devices:</p> <p>A. In the regulation and supervision of traffic, the Director of Public Works is authorized to place, erect and maintain upon the public highways of the City such traffic calming devices as the Council may direct, at the locations designated by the Council or as determined by the City Manager or his or her designee.</p> <p>B. In accordance with Chapter 2.12, the City Manager or his or her designee may establish such regulations and standards as are necessary to accomplish the purposes and intent of this chapter.</p>

	<p>Regulation 96-1 – Guidelines and Procedures for Traffic Calming Device Installations. Guidelines for Evaluating the Public Hearing:</p> <p>The following criteria are intended to guide the Council in determining whether a request for a traffic control device installation is reasonable and justified. These should not be considered exclusive criteria.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The street has not been identified and is not used by the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department as a primary fire and rescue route into a neighborhood.</li> <li>2. The impact of traffic control devices on adjacent neighborhoods be assessed.</li> <li>3. The petitioners have made efforts to provide broad notification to potentially affected residents.</li> </ol>
<b>Fiscal Impact</b>	\$20,000
<b>Attachments</b>	Draft ordinance
<b>Recommendation</b>	Consider the ordinance at second reading.
<b>Special Consideration</b>	First reading of the ordinance was held on March 23, 2015.

Introduced by: Councilmember Smith

First Reading: March 23, 2015

Second Reading:

Effective Date:

**CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2015-12**

**AUTHORIZING THE INSTALLATION OF TRAFFIC CALMING DEVICES IN THE  
7700 BLOCK OF GARLAND AVENUE**

WHEREAS, in accordance with Takoma Park Code, Section 13.28.010, the Director of Public Works is authorized to place, erect, and maintain upon the public highways of the City such traffic calming devices as the Council may direct at locations designated by the Council or as determined by the City Manager or his or her designee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND THAT:

1. A curb bump out will be located on the north side (even side) of Garland Avenue near the city line;
2. A curb bump, which will also serve as a bio-retention facility, will be located on the north side (even side) of Garland Avenue across from the alley entrance
3. The exact location and style of each device shall be determined by the City Manager or the City Manager's designee.

Adopted this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015 by roll-call vote as follows:

AYE:

NAY:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: