
R2019-3: SETTING FORTH THE POLICY OF THE CITY OF MYRTLE BEACH REGARDING CITIZEN REQUESTS FOR NEIGHBORHOOD INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS INCLUDING NEW SIDEWALK INSTALLATION, STORMWATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS AND TRAFFIC CALMING DEVICES.

Applicant/Purpose: Staff / to establish policies of when the City will entertain requests from the public on installing new sidewalks, stormwater system improvements & neighborhood traffic calming devices.

Brief:

- From time-to-time citizens initiate requests for neighborhood improvements, such as new sidewalks, stormwater system improvements; & traffic calming or control devices
- This resolution requires that each request is evaluated for the effect on all the nearby residents & businesses, & for technical compliance w/ accepted engineering principles & practices.
- The results of any technical analysis is strictly advisory to Council. Council may choose to move forward, modify, or choose not to pursue a project, at its sole discretion.

Issues:

- To qualify for new sidewalk construction:
 - Streets shall be paved & have curb & gutter along both sides.
 - There shall be 6' of ROW b/w the back of the curb & adjoining property line.
 - Sidewalk shall be installed in accordance w/ the City's specifications.
 - 75% of the property owners on the street must sign the petition indicating agreement w/ the request.
- To qualify for consideration of the City taking over stormwater systems:
 - Control structures & open conveyance channels must be serving as part of a regional stormwater system in the public's interest.
 - Systems must be designed & constructed consistent w/ City code requirements.
 - Control structures & conveyance channels must be dedicated to the City for permanent maintenance by the landowner.
 - 75% of the landowners abutting the stormwater system must sign the petition indicating they want the City to take over the stormwater system & the related rules & regs.
- To qualify for traffic calming treatment, the street must meet the following:
 - Be a city-owned local residential street open to the public.
 - Be a 2-lane roadway.
 - Have a posted speed limit of 25 mph or less.
 - Have speeding conditions w/ the 85th percentile speed 10 mph greater than the posted limit (ex. 85% of the vehicles are traveling 35 mph in a 25 mph zone).
 - The average traffic volume is greater than 1,000 vehicles/day
 - Agreement is required by:
 - 75% of people living on the street & on any streets that only have access by way of the street under consideration.
 - 100% of all commercial, retail, and institutional facilities having access only by the street under consideration.

Public Notification: Normal meeting notification.

Alternatives: To modify or amend the resolution.

Financial Impact: None initially.

Manager's Recommendation: I recommend approval.

Attachment(s): Resolution & applicable policies.

CITY OF MYRTLE BEACH
COUNTY OF HORRY
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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TRAFFIC CALMING DEVICES.**

WHEREAS, from time-to-time individual citizens will initiate requests for certain neighborhood infrastructure improvement projects, specifically for new sidewalk installations, stormwater system improvements; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable to provide a uniform policy for the review of such requests in order to determine the level of support each project request has within the neighborhoods so effected; and

WHEREAS, prior to the expenditure of public funds it is necessary for City staff to review each request against professional engineering standards and practices, and

WHEREAS, the City of Myrtle Beach has determined that the provisions of this resolution will substantially advance, and are reasonably and rationally related to, legitimate government interests by promoting the health, safety, morals, convenience, order, prosperity, and welfare of the citizens of this City.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF MYRTLE BEACH HEREBY RESOLVES THAT:

1. The careful review and analysis of each project request advances the City's Council policy goals with respect to enhancing the quality of life for our residents, and improving the effectiveness and efficiency of the City's infrastructure.
2. The City Council hereby adopts a policy to ensure that each request is properly evaluated for the effect on all the effected residents, and for technical compliance with accepted engineering principles and practices.
 - a. Attachment A hereby describes the process for the review of new sidewalk installations.
 - b. Attachment B hereby describes the process for the review of stormwater system improvements.
 - c. Attachment C hereby describes the process for the review of traffic calming devices.
3. The results of each project review process is advisory to City Council. Council may, at their sole legislative discretion, chose to move forward with a particular project, to modify the project proposal, or to choose not to pursue the project at all, regardless of the results of this review process.

SIGNED, SEALED and DATED, this 22nd day of January, 2019.

BRENDA BETHUNE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JENNIFER STANFORD, CITY CLERK