

CITY OF CENTRAL

BY COUNCILMAN ELLIS AND VANCE

ORDINANCE NO. 2016-28

**AN ORDINANCE TO ENACT TITLE 11, CHAPTER 12,
SECTION 11:134 RESIDENTS MAY PETITION TO
REDUCE SPEED LIMIT AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED
MATTERS**

WHEREAS, the City has received citizen complaints of speeding in residential neighborhoods which is a safety concern to citizens and the government of this City;

WHEREAS, the Council for the City of Central seeks to be responsive to the citizens of this city and establish a process to study and address such complaints in a manner consistent with state law and traffic engineering principles;

WHEREAS, the Council agrees that speed limits in the city shall be set in accordance with a Traffic Engineers speed study. A speed study shall measure the speeds of vehicles in the study area and recommend if a change in speed limit is warranted. The warrant for changing a speed limit on a residential neighborhood street shall be when the measured 85th percentile speed is seven miles per hour over the posted speed limit.

WHEREAS, the city may also investigate with the recommendation of the City Engineer other means of traffic calming as illustrated in the EBRP Residential Traffic Calming Manual in order to address speeding issues. The East Baton Rouge Parish Residential Traffic Calming Manual can be viewed online at <https://brgov.com/dept/dpw/traffic/pdf/07ResidentialTraffic.pdf>.

WHEREAS, the City of Central will initiate a speed study investigation to determine and address the particular needs for speeding countermeasures when a petition is presented to City Hall signed by at least 10 property owners on a residential neighborhood street within the City. If a speed limit is determined to need to be lowered 65 percent of the property owners on said street must be presented the data that shows this need and must ratify a petition requesting the speed reduction.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Central, State of Louisiana as follows:

Section 1. That Title 11, Chapter 12, Sec. 11:134 shall be enacted and read as follows:

Sec. 11:134. - Residents may petition to reduce speed limit.

When sixty-five (65) percent of the property owners on a residential street in a recognized subdivision of the city petition the city services to reduce the speed limit on that street to twenty-five (25) miles per hour, city services shall, after confirming the authenticity of the signatures,

conduct a study of the street, and if the study confirms that the requested speed reduction is appropriate, shall reduce the speed limit on that street as requested and post appropriate signs advising of the changed speed limit. Section 11:135 shall be amended to list the name of the street, along with the speed limit. City services shall adopt rules relative to the form and filing of the petition and the method of confirming signatures. Only one (1) signature per residence shall be permitted on the petition.

Section 2. Conflicts

The specific terms and conditions of this Ordinance shall prevail against other ordinances of the City to the extent that there may be any conflict.

Section 3. Severability

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or provision of this Ordinance is declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such declaration of invalidity shall not affect the validity of the Ordinance as a whole, or parts thereof, other than the part declared invalid. The remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected by the declaration of invalidity and shall remain in force and effect.

Section 4. Effective Date

This Ordinance shall be effective upon publication.

Introduced before the Council on July 26, 2016.

Notice of public hearing was published in The Advocate on the 4th day of August, 2016.

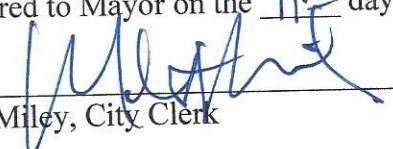
This Ordinance having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

For: Evans, Fralick, Messina, Vance
Against: None
Absent: Ellis

Adopted this 9th day of August, 2016.

Signed this 11th day of August, 2016.

Delivered to Mayor on the 11th day of August, 2016:



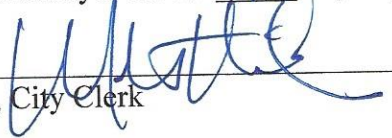
Mark Miley, City Clerk

Approved:



I. M. Shelton, Jr., Mayor

Received from Mayor on the 11th day of August, 2016:



Mark Miley, City Clerk

Adopted Ordinance published in The Advocate on the 13th day of September, 2016.