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MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council
From: Richard Meehan, Director of Public Works
Date: July 16, 2009
Subject: Village Creek Drive Traffic Calming Resolution

The purpose of this Resolution is to establish a Traffic Calming District, and authorize the installation of Traffic Calming in Land Lot 361 of the 18th District on Village Creek Drive between Womack Road and Olde Village Lane.

The residents of Village Mill Subdivision have been working with Dekalb County for over eight years to address the excessive speed of vehicles traveling through the neighborhood. Dekalb County performed a traffic study in 2005 that confirmed that speeding does exist on Village Creek Drive between Womack Road and Olde Village Lane. The 85th percentile speed of 39 mph on a road posted at 25 mph, meets the criteria for traffic calming measures which is generally accepted to be 11 mph or more over the posted speed.

The initiator(s) from the neighborhood met with the Dekalb County design engineer for this affected area to discuss alternate methods of traffic calming available to them and to review the proposed plans. Dekalb County held a Public Meeting with the neighborhood in April 2008 and worked with the residents to develop the attached plan to install six (6) Speed Tables on Village Creek Drive. The initiator(s) took this plan back to their neighborhood and they conveyed to the staff that they are in support of the attached proposed design and with moving forward to the final petition process. This plan was presented to the Dekalb Board of Commissioners for acceptance and the initiation of the final petition process in October 2008, but the BOC tabled the action due to the pending incorporation of the City of Dunwoody. At the April 20, 2009, the City Council authorized the start of the 90 day petition process for the residents of the affected streets to vote on the final plan.

The neighborhood returned the completed petitions within the required 90 days and the Public Works Staff has verified the owners and signatures on the petition. There are 46 properties in the affected area. We received petitions with Yes Votes from 39 of the properties, and with No Votes from 0 of the properties. Seven properties did not return a petition. A total of 84.8% of the properties in the affected area approve of the establishment of the traffic calming district and installation of the traffic calming measures with is more that the 65% approval that is required by our ordinance.



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The accepted final plan is to install 6 (six) speed tables at the locations shown on the attached plan. I have attached a photo of the style of speed table that we are recommending be installed at this location. The total estimated cost of the installation is \$15,000 including all signage and striping. We recommend using funds for the Public Works Capitol Budget to pay for the installation. To date, of the \$300,000 budgeted under this line item, we have committed \$70,000 for the new school roadway improvements and the radar detection signs. The remaining \$230,000 is currently uncommitted to any project.

I will not be in attendance at the work session on July 20. Chuck Davis, Deputy Director of Public Works and Alex Hofelich, a traffic engineer on Lowe Engineers Staff will be in attendance to answer any questions. I will be in attendance at the July 27 Council Meeting to answer any additional concerns before the final vote.

RECOMMENDATION(S):

Approval of the Resolution to establish a Traffic Calming District and authorize the installation of Traffic Calming in Land Lot 361 of the 18th District on Village Creek Drive between Womack Road and Olde Village Lane

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE INSTALLATION OF TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES (SPEED TABLES) ON VILLAGE CREEK DRIVE AND THE ASSESSMENT OF THE ANNUAL COST OF MAINTAINING SAID TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES ON THE AFOREMENTIONED RESIDENTIAL STREET.

WHEREAS, Article IX, Section II, Paragraph VI, of the Constitution of the State of Georgia of 1983 authorizes and empowers the City Council of the City of Dunwoody, Georgia to establish special tax districts, in as such as this resolution creates said district for the purpose of constructing, erecting, establishing, and maintaining traffic calming measures on residential streets in the City of Dunwoody, and to levy a special assessment or tax against all property designated to be affected by these functions; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 17 (Traffic and Public Roadways), Article 5 (Traffic Calming Measures) authorizes and empowers the City Council, City of Dunwoody, Georgia to approve the measures contemplated herein; and

WHEREAS, the owners of sixty-five (65) percent or more of the property within the Traffic Calming District **08-18-00** have petitioned the City Council, City of Dunwoody, Georgia for the installation of traffic calming measures.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council, City of Dunwoody, Georgia, as the governing body of said City, that there be and there is hereby created and established within the area of the City of Dunwoody, Traffic Calming District Number **08-18-00**, for the purpose of constructing, erecting, establishing, and maintaining traffic calming measures (speed tables) to reduce speeding on residential streets, and ways therein, located in Land Lots 352, 353, and 361 of the 18th District of DeKalb County, Georgia, consisting of all or portions of property on the following streets, **Village Creek Drive and Village Creek Court**, as more particularly shown and delineated on the map entitled "Traffic Calming District: 08-18-00", which map is attached hereto and made part of this resolution by reference; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the boundaries of said district as enumerated on said map as the affected area be the same and hereby established as shown and delineated on said map as full and complete as if the legal description of the courses, distances, and boundaries of said district were fully set forth herein, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the annual maintenance cost and charges shall not exceed \$25.00 per property owner, and shall be a lien upon the abutting property annually FROM January 1st next and continuing each year through the life of the traffic calming measures (speed tables), however, that said annual maintenance charges may be increased or decreased by the City Council to reflect changes in operating and maintenance costs, and

IT IS DIRECTED that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Tax Commissioner of DeKalb County, Georgia for the collection of any and all taxes and/or special assessments and/or service charges which may be imposed against any and all businesses, residents, and property served by said facilities.

SO RESOLVED AND EFFECTIVE, this ____ day of _____, 2009.

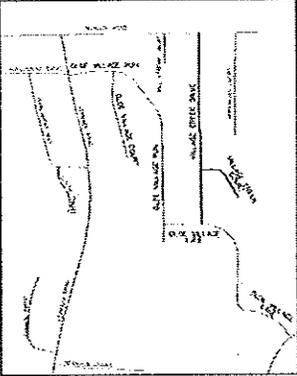
Approved:

Ken Wright, Mayor

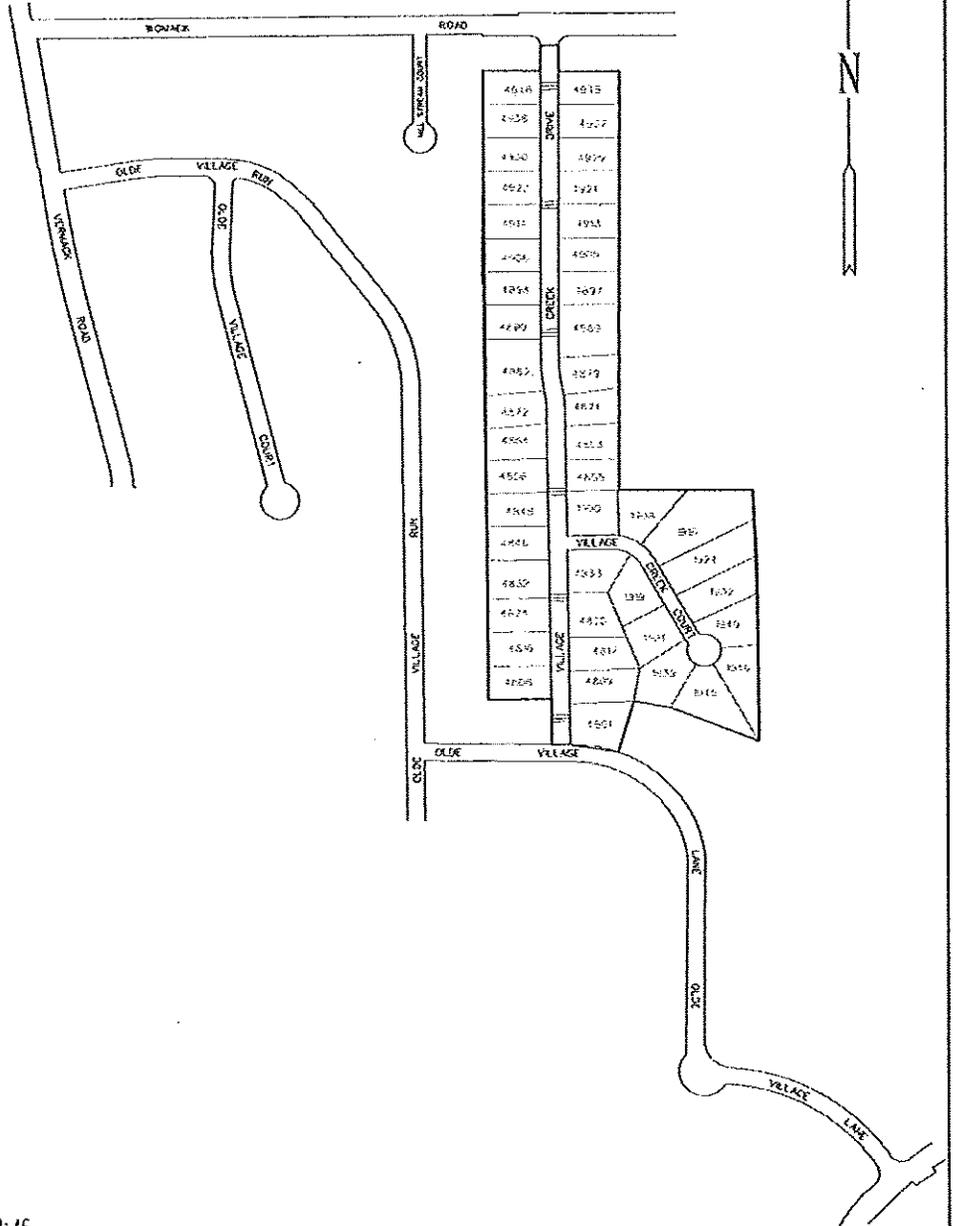
ATTEST:

Sharon Lowery, City Clerk
(Seal)

TRAFFIC CALMING DISTRICT-08-18-00



LOCATION MAP



- AFFECTED AREA
- SPEED TABLES (6)

NUMBER OF PARCELS IN AFFECTED AREA: 46
 STREETS IN AFFECTED AREA: VILLAGE CREEK DRIVE, VILLAGE CREEK COURT

DEKALB COUNTY TRANSPORTATION DIVISION TRAFFIC CALMING SECTION	DRAWN BY: JSJ	APPROVED:	VILLAGE CREEK DRIVE & VILLAGE CREEK COURT DIST-18TH LAND LOT-361 COMMISSION DISTRICTS-1 & 6
	REVIEWED BY:	SCALE: N.T.S.	
	REVIEWED BY:	DATE: 8/29/2008	
	REVIEWED BY:		



