

1 CITY OF CENTRAL

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3 BY COUNCILMAN ELLIS AND VANCE

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5 PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2016-____

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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45 When sixty-five (65) percent of the property owners on a residential street in a recognized
46 subdivision of the parish petition the department of public works to reduce the speed limit on that
street to twenty-five (25) miles per hour, the department shall, after confirming the authenticity of

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

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9 **Section 2. Conflicts**

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

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15 **Section 3. Severability**

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

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23 **Section 4. Effective Date**

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25 This Ordinance shall be effective upon publication.

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27 Introduced before the Council on July 26, 2016.

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29 Notice of public hearing was published in The Advocate on the _____ day of _____, 2016.

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

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33 For:

34 Against:

35 Absent:

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37 Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2016.

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39 Signed this ____ day of _____, 2016.

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41 Delivered to Mayor on the _____ day of _____, 2016:

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43 _____
44 Mark Miley, City Clerk
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1 Approved:

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I. M. Shelton, Jr., Mayor

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6 Received from Mayor on the _____ day of _____, 2016:

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Mark Miley, City Clerk

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11 Adopted Ordinance published in The Advocate on the _____ day of _____, 2016.