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## TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICE REQUEST INFORMATION

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The proper utilization of traffic control devices and signs is a critical component of the Village's overall traffic safety efforts. An improperly placed sign or device can be confusing—or even dangerous—to motorists and pedestrians alike. By comprehensively assessing each request we hope to effectively address the existing problem and to minimize other undesired consequences.

The protocol used to review such requests may include but is not limited to the following:

1. An on-site observation of roadway conditions, traffic flow and volume, site configuration and proximity to high volume traffic and other conditions as may be present.
2. A review of the traffic crash history at the location in question.
3. A review of traffic enforcement activity, reported hazards and/or complaints at the location in question.
4. A traffic volume and/or speed survey, if necessary.
5. A review of the *Illinois Vehicle Code* for relevant warrants, if necessary.
6. A review of the *Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD)* for relevant warrants, if necessary.
7. A recommendation to the Public Safety Committee of the Village Board from the Chief of Police that a traffic engineering study should be conducted to examine a particular traffic safety condition or concern, if appropriate. *(Note: The decision to use a particular device at a particular location must be made on the basis of either an engineering study or the application of engineering judgment. The MUTCD provides Standards, Guidance, and Options for design and application of traffic control devices, but the MUTCD should not be considered a substitute for engineering judgment.)*
8. Scheduling a Public Safety Committee meeting to consider the Chief's recommendation to authorize a traffic engineering study and a subsequent reporting of that decision to the Village Board of Trustees.
9. In the event that a traffic engineering study is commissioned, an evaluation of the study results by the Public Safety Committee will follow. If appropriate, a final recommendation to the Village Board of Trustees to approve or deny the initial request will be developed.

The process for requesting new or different traffic control devices or signs is a service facilitated by the Chief of Police. Residents considering a traffic control device change are urged to contact the Chief of Police to discuss the proposed change and to review the steps listed above.