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September 28, 2022

Brenna Murphy McGee, City Clerk
City of Holyoke
536 Dwight Street, Suite 2
Holyoke, MA 01040

RE: Speed Hump Petition – Laurel Street

Dear Ms. McGee:

Enclosed is a Speed Hump Petition which has been signed by the majority of homeowners on Laurel Street (House numbers 45, 49, 43, 33, 29, 23, 51, 41, 56, 26, 37, 17, 20, 19, 11, 34, 14, 5, 39, 10 and 30).

The speed at which cars and motorcycles travel on Laurel Street has overwhelmingly increased in the past years to the point that all residents are concerned for their safety. Speeds routinely are approximately 50 to 60 mph, if not more. We regularly see motorcycles doing wheelies as soon as they turn onto Laurel (from Northampton Street) to the intersection of Brown, at high rates of speed as well. Cars parked on the streets are often hit, with the offenders not stopping. The road narrows at the Brown Ave end and with cars parked on the side, they all try to squeeze through at the same time, which ends up with mirrors on parked cars being hit. One neighbor reported 3 accidents in front of her house alone. Kids are not safe to play in their own yards or ride their bikes due to the speeds of cars. Backing out our own driveways is always risky due to the speeds of the cars. Walking and biking is also very risky. There is a daycare on our street as well that speeding traffic pays no mind to. We have zero police presence on our street to monitor the traffic, not that a random officer would make any sort of difference.

As you can see by the number of signatures on the Petition, the homeowners of Laurel Street strongly urge you to install speed humps to help slow the traffic speeds. Such speed humps have been put on Lawler, Westfield Road, West Franklin and other area streets. It is time to reduce the speeds on our street, for the safety of our residents, as well as other vehicles using our street.

Please contact me with any questions, and please notify the residents of Laurel Street when there is a public hearing scheduled to consider this Petition.

Thank you

Melissa A. Lafond

cc: Mayor's Office, DPW, City Council

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We the undersigned, petition the Holyoke City Council for speed hump
on Laurel Street

(street requested)

Name	Address
Melina Chafel	45 Laurel Street
Zack Pinson	49 Laurel St.
Chris Oakley / Realy Barros	43 Laurel St.
Rickard P. Wallis	33 Laurel St.
Sandra C. Wallis	37 Laurel St.
Matthew Bell	29 Laurel Street
Vanessa Viana	29 Laurel Street
Dale Kelly	23 Laurel St
Gary B...	51 Laurel St
Lynn C. Rehayem	41 Laurel St
Jorge A. Vazquez	56 Laurel St
Edward M. Monard	34 Willow St
Margaret Chan	26 Laurel St
William W. Min	37 Laurel St
Yaritza Rivera	17 Laurel St
Carmen Lopez	20 Laurel Street
Antonio Santac	19 Laurel St
Maria A. Morales	11 Laurel St
Franisco Rivera	34 Laurel St
Paula Pugaes	14 Laurel Street
Alvares	5 Laurel St

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Use additional pages as needed

Mary Guffith

39 Laurel St

No speed hump shall be installed or established, except upon petition to the city council signed by at least two-thirds of the property owners or two-thirds of the registered voters within the impacted segment of a proposed speed hump street. When there are multiple property owners, the signature of one shall be sufficient to count that property towards the required two-third.

Arelis Diaz

10 Laurel St.

Mally Samville

30 Laurel St

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