



FIRE PREVENTION MANUAL

DEVELOPMENT REQUIREMENTS

403.007 VERTICAL DISPLACEMENT TRAFFIC CALMING DEVICES

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SCOPE

This policy clarifies the Fresno Fire Department (FFD or Department) prohibition of vertical displacement traffic calming devices within the City of Fresno and contract service areas.

PURPOSE

This policy has been established to prohibit vertical displacement traffic calming device installations within the City of Fresno and contract service areas.

BACKGROUND

As noted in the *California Fire Code (CFC)*, the fire code official has the authority to prohibit such devices.

REQUIREMENTS

Traffic calming devices are design elements intended to reduce traffic speeds. Traffic calming devices have a negative effect on emergency response times, however, pavement installed vertical displacement traffic calming devices; such as pumps, tables, humps, etc. are of primary concern due to the potential to damage fire department apparatus.

Vertical displacement traffic calming devices have been removed from the City of Fresno Public Works Standards and are not permitted to be installed on public streets. This FFD policy prohibits such installations on private streets and fire access roads.

REFERENCES

California Fire Code