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Mayor Schor Announces Launch of *Operation Slow Down* *City to Address Increase of Speeders and Safety in Neighbors*

(LANSING) – Mayor Andy Schor today announced the implementation of *Operation Slow Down*, a program designed to reduce speeding and reckless driving behaviors on Lansing streets. The City of Lansing has recently heard from an increased number of residents who have expressed concerns over significant speeding throughout the city, specifically in neighborhoods. Mayor Andy Schor’s Office, the Lansing Police Department and Lansing Public Service Department have put together resources to assist residents when they see speeding in their neighborhood.

“Lansing residents expect their neighborhood streets to be safe and the City takes complaints about hazardous driving seriously. The Lansing Police Department will redirect patrols to address hazardous driving violations, such as speeding and reckless driving, within our neighborhoods. We will also offer traffic calming options through the Lansing Public Service Department. We’ve created a resource on the City of Lansing’s website that will help guide residents through this process,” said Mayor Andy Schor.

The Lansing Police Department will dedicate resources to address hazardous driving violations, such as excessive speed - especially in residential neighborhoods, improper passing from the center left turn lane, aggressively weaving through traffic and cutting through businesses to avoid an intersection. Violators will be subject to a civil infraction with the fines ranging from \$130 to \$250, depending on the violation. If not posted, state statute says that the speed limit on residential streets is 25 mph.

“The Lansing Police Department is dedicated to promoting safe driving and reducing traffic collisions and traffic related fatalities. We are actively enforcing posted speed limits and remind all motorists to abide by the traffic laws or be subject to penalties,” said Lansing Police Chief Daryl Green.

Traffic calming measures to deliberately slow down traffic in residential areas are also available to residents. Some traffic calming measures include speed bumps, speed humps, curb extensions, police enforcement, radar trailers, raised crosswalks, raised intersections, traffic circles, parking on both sides of the street and others.

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In order to report violations, ask for focused patrols, and request traffic calming measures, residents must first submit a form that includes contact information and details regarding the street to be evaluated. The proposed area must be a minimum of one block. After completing the form, residents must print the Traffic Calming Petition, which can be found at www.lansingmi.gov/calmingpetition, and collect signatures from at least 25% of households in the proposed area. Completed petitions are then mailed or faxed to the Public Service Department. Signatures must be collected by residents as City staff is unavailable to assist in this task. Streets that qualify as either emergency or truck routes are not eligible to be petitioned.

For more information on traffic calming, to request traffic calming measures and/or request an LPD speed trailer in your neighborhood, visit www.lansingmi.gov/traffic or call Mayor Andy Schor's Office at 517-483-4141 ext. one to speak with the Citizen Advocate.

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