



Stop Sign Use

Stop signs are the most widely used and misused of all traffic signs. They intended to assign vehicle right-of-way at high volume intersections. Many people believe multi-way stops will reduce speeding and other safety problems in neighborhoods however; stop signs should never be used to control speed nor a viewed as a cure-all for solving safety.

Studies by the Federal Highway Administration (FHA) and the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) show unwarranted stop signs actually create additional problems, such as more rear-end accidents, additional speeding, increased driver delay and total disregard of the stop sign.

When properly used, Stop Signs can reduce safety issues by providing orderly traffic movements and allow minor street traffic to enter or cross major roadways. Therefore, all STOP sign installations must be approved by the County Traffic Engineer.

If speed is a concern in the community, speed humps are a more practical solution. For more information, please visit: www.greenvillecounty.org/Public_Works/traffic_calming.asp

Minimum Requirements for Stop Control

In general, the following minimum criteria, set forth in the 2003 Federal Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices, may be used in deciding the appropriateness of a multi-way stop:

- Approximately equal traffic volume (ADT) on each approach.
- ADT on the main street (total of both approaches) is at least 300 vehicles per hour for any 8 hours of a typical day.
- The combined traffic and pedestrian volumes is at least 200 units per hour for the same 8 hours.
- Any problems with sight distance.
- A substantial accident history (5 or more reported accidents in a 12 month period).



APPLICATION FOR MULTIWAY STOP CONTROL



- Mr.
- Ms.

NAME (FIRST, LAST) _____ DATE _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE SC ZIP CODE _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

SUBDIVISION NAME (IF APPLICABLE) _____

INTERSECTION REQUESTED FOR MULTI-WAY STOP CONTROL PLEASE COUNT WHEN SCHOOL IS IN SESSION

ROAD NAME	DIST FQ	RD ID	LENGTH	PSL	ADT	85 th	DNQ	SpO
1) _____							<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2) _____							<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3) _____							<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4) _____							<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

OFFICE USE ONLY

OTHER TRAFFIC CONCERNS: _____

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Vol S/D Acc

APPROVED

YES / NO

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