

Requested Meeting Date: 3/30/2017**REQUESTED ACTION****CODE AMENDMENTS**

Amend the Code of the City of Savannah, Part 7-1032, Appendix I, Section 215, Commercial Vehicles prohibited.

ADD:

Benton Boulevard:
North of Jimmy DeLoach Parkway

Highlands Boulevard

Shellbark Way

Basswood Drive

Shortleaf Crossing

Amend the Code of the City of Savannah, Part 7-1091, Appendix I, Section 219. Stopping, standing and parking prohibited.

ADD:

Shellbark Way:
Both sides.

Basswood Drive:
Both sides.

Shortleaf Crossing:
Both sides.

RATIONALE *(describe explain why action is necessary):*

The Traffic Engineering Department seeks to address concerns of the future connection of the west end of Highlands Boulevard to Jimmy DeLoach Parkway and the extension of Benton Boulevard to connect to State Road 30 which will connect, sometime in the future, to the Effingham Parkway. This facility will be attractive alternate routes for commercial vehicles to bypass Interstate 95.

Traffic Engineering staff have received complaints from residents of the Highlands Subdivision concerning commercial vehicle traffic on Benton and Highlands Boulevards as well as overnight tractor trailer parking on Shellbark Way, Basswood Drive, and Shortleaf Crossing. Traffic Engineering has investigated these concerns and has determined that the streets within the Highlands Planned Unit Development are too narrow to accommodate parking and two-way traffic. Furthermore, Shellbark Way, Basswood Drive, and Shortleaf Crossing are constructed for residential traffic purposes and are not intended for frequent truck

traffic and truck parking, both of which occur on a regular basis.

OBJECTIVE/OUTCOME *(explain what this action accomplishes):*

A prohibition of commercial vehicle traffic preemptively discourages the use of Highlands Boulevard and the future Benton Extension to State Road 30, as attractive cut-through streets, thus preserving and extending the pavement life and reducing the need for repairs. A parking prohibition on Basswood Drive, Shellbark Way and Shortleaf Crossing will preserve two-way vehicle traffic flow and allow law enforcement to cite vehicles found to be in violation. These changes are in Aldermanic District 1 and supported by Alderman Van Johnson.

STRATEGIC OR ORGANIZATIONAL ALIGNMENT *(identify Council priority):* High Performing Government

SUMMARY EXPLANATION/BACKGROUND

The first sentence includes the Agency recommendation. Provide an executive summary of the action that gives an overview of the relevant details for the item. Please include the reason for not selecting low bidder, if applicable.

Staff recommends that commercial vehicle traffic be prohibited on Highlands and Benton Boulevards, Shellbark Way, Basswood Drive, and Shortleaf Crossing. Traffic Engineering further recommends that parking be prohibited on Shellbark Way, Basswood Drive, and Shortleaf Crossing. The future extension of Benton Boulevard as the Effingham Parkway would make Shellbark Way, Basswood Drive, and Shortleaf Crossing attractive as short cuts to avoid a traffic signal at Benton and Highlands Boulevard.

The roads within the Highlands planned unit development width are 25 feet, allowing for two 12 foot travel lanes only, leaving insufficient space for on street parking.

FISCAL IMPACT/COST SUMMARY

Include project cost, approved budget amount, account number and grant, if applicable, source of funds and any future funding requirements.

Estimated cost for signage, \$1,850.

EXHIBITS





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