

AN ORDINANCE
TO BE ENTITLED

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY'S GENERAL TRAFFIC REGULATIONS, ARTICLE A OF CHAPTER 1 OF PART 7 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF SAVANNAH, GEORGIA (2003) TO ADD SECTION 7-1031A TO RESTRICT DELIVERIES BY LARGE TRUCKS WITHIN CERTAIN AREAS; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah, Georgia, in regular meeting of Council assembled and pursuant to lawful authority thereof:

SECTION 1: That Article A, In General, Chapter 1, General Traffic Regulations, Part 7, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, of the Code of the City of Savannah, Georgia (2003) be amended by inserting a new Section entitled "Large Commercial Vehicle Delivery Restrictions" as follows:

Section 7-1031A. Large Commercial Vehicle Delivery Restrictions.

(a) *Findings; intent.* The Mayor and Aldermen find that regulation of large commercial vehicles utilizing the public rights-of-way within the downtown area of the City, largely comprised of the Historic Landmark District, is essential to preserving the architecturally significant infrastructure, protecting the historic tree canopy, reducing hazardous traffic conditions and promoting the general health, safety and welfare of Savannah's residents and visitors.

(b) *Prohibited activity.* Apart from lawful obedience to traffic control devices, no person shall stop, stand or park any truck or other vehicle totaling greater than 34 feet in length, including but not limited to all tractor-trailer rigs and all vehicles with more than three axles, on any public right-of-way within the area bounded by and including River Street on the north, East Broad Street on the east, Gaston Street on the south and Martin Luther King, Junior Boulevard on the west. The following segments of roadways shall be excepted from application of this section:

- (1) Martin Luther King, Junior Boulevard between Bay Street and Gaston Street;
- (2) Bay Street between Martin Luther King, Junior Boulevard and East Broad Street;
- (3) Montgomery Street between the terminus of I16 and Oglethorpe Avenue;

- (4) Liberty Street between Martin Luther King, Junior Boulevard and the Civic Center's southern entrance (facing Tattnell Street); and
- (5) Oglethorpe Avenue between Martin Luther King, Junior Boulevard and Montgomery Street.

(c) *Temporary permit.* Owners or operators of vehicles subject to the prohibition set forth in this section may apply for a temporary use permit for any one of the following purposes:

- (1) To deliver goods, supplies, materials or equipment associated with construction projects, including both new construction and existing structure renovations;
- (2) To deliver goods, supplies, materials or equipment in the event of a local emergency or disaster;
- (3) When hired to facilitate moving the contents of a residence or commercial establishment;
- (4) Deliveries and staging associated with commercial film productions or City-sponsored or sanctioned special events.

A temporary use permit shall be valid for a limited duration dependent upon the nature of activity for which the permit is obtained. No person may apply for or receive more than twenty-four permits during a calendar year. In no event may a temporary permittee make or effectuate any deliveries between the hours of 7:00 and 9:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. The Traffic Engineering Department shall issue and regularly update a policy document consistent the provisions of this section.

(e) *Penalty.* Any person found to have violated this section shall be subject to imposition of a \$500 fine, which may not be waived or reduced and which may be combined with any other legal remedy available to the City.

SECTION 2: This ordinance shall become effective on the date of passage.

SECTION 3: All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED: _____, 2018.

Eddie W. DeLoach, Mayor

ATTEST:

CLERK OF COUNCIL