SAVANNAH
Department of Transportation

MEMO

To: Joseph Melder, City Manager

From: Stephen N. Henry, Senior Director, Transportation Services

Via: Faye DiMassimo, Chief, Planning & Economic Development

Date: 10/26/2026

Subject: Prohibit commercial vehicles, Woodville Neighborhood

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Traffic Engineering has received resident concerns regarding commercial vehicles using streets within the Woodville Neighborhood to travel between US 80/West Bay Street and Louisville Road. Neighbors are concerned that tractor trailers using these streets create pedestrian safety issues and could also result in structural damage to homes.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

The Woodville neighborhood is bounded on the north by West Bay Street, on the west by Market Street, and on the East of Interstate 516.

Neighborhood residents have expressed concerns about drivers using Woodville neighborhood streets to avoid taking more circuitous routes around the neighborhood. In 2023, a tractor trailer damaged a utility pole in the City's right-of-way on Fair Street, necessitating intervention by partnering utility companies.

Given the residential nature of the neighborhood the roadbeds are not constructed to withstand sustained use by commercial vehicles. Over time, the heavier weight causes road failure, resulting in more frequent repair and resurfacing.

Several streets and street sections have existing prohibitions against commercial vehicle traffic. Expanding the prohibition to the remaining streets will improve pedestrian safety, extend the life expectancy of the street itself, and improve the quality of life for the residents of Woodville.

RECOMMENDATION

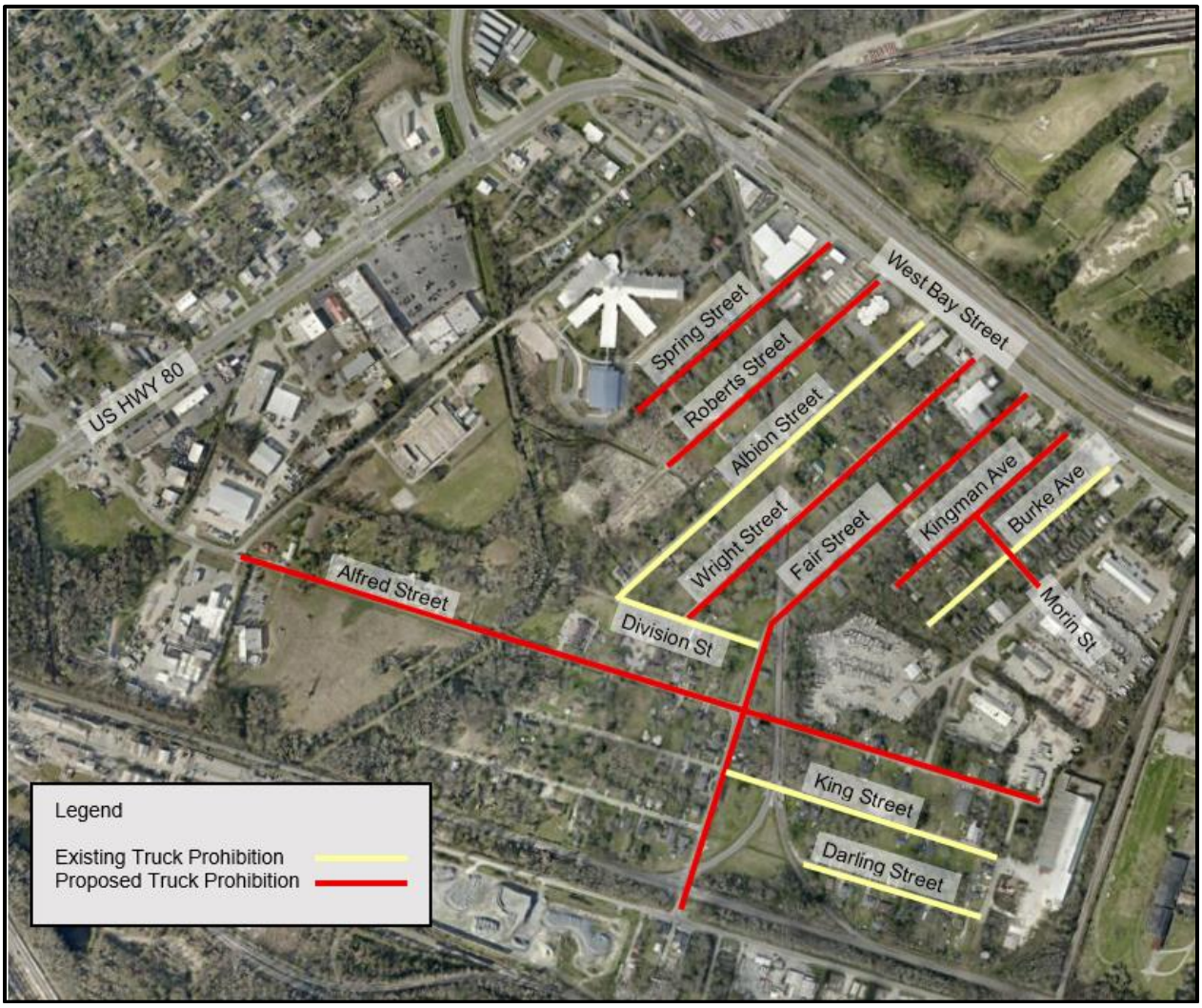
Amend the Code of the City of Savannah, Part 7-1032, Appendix I, Section 215 (b), Commercial vehicles prohibited.

ADD:

Alfred Street the entire length of the street within the jurisdictional limits of the City of Savannah.
Fair Street from West Bay Street to Louisville Road.
Kingman Avenue from West Bay Street to dead end.
Morin Street from Kingman Street to Lissner Avenue.
Spring Street from West Bay Street to dead end.
Roberts Street from West Bay Street to dead end.
Wright Street from West Bay Street to dead end.

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