THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE

STAFF REPORT

Council Meeting Date: August 25, 2020

Subject: Truck Prohibitions

Staff Resource(s): Ken Putnam, PE, Transportation Department Director
Andrew Cibor, PE, City Traffic Engineer

Action Requested: Adoption of an ordinance enacting a through truck prohibition along six streets within the city limits of Asheville

Background:

- The City of Asheville Code of Ordinances Section 19-60 regulates trucks traveling along designated residential streets.
- City staff received requests from the public to consider through truck prohibitions on these streets and the proposed revisions are based on traffic-engineering investigations.
- Large trucks should not use residential streets as "shortcuts" to avoid traffic on higher classified streets and can have difficulty making necessary maneuvers on residential streets.
- There are no destinations along these streets for large trucks.
- A truck prohibition will be established on the following streets:
    - Davenport Place, from Davenport Road to Vermont Court
    - Davenport Road, from Vermont Avenue to Davenport Place
    - Enka Orchard Street, from NC 112 (Sand Hill Road) to Enka Pine Street
    - Keith Drive, from Bingham Road to a point 800 feet northeast of Bingham Road
    - Oak Hill Drive, from NC 63 (New Leicester Highway) to Hazel Mill Road
    - Vermont Court, from Davenport Place to Vermont Avenue

Council Goal(s):

- Transportation and Accessibility

Committee(s):

- None

Pro(s):

- Prohibits through trucks from using residential streets.
- Keeps through trucks on high classified roadways like state routes.
- Eliminates delay to the traveling public.
- Reduces potential of trucks entering areas where navigation attempts result in property damage.
- Enhances the ability to update commercial truck traffic routes (GPS.gov) to avoid residential communities.
- City staff has been able to respond favorably to public requests.

Con(s):

- None

Fiscal Impact:

- The cost of installing and maintaining truck prohibition signs is included in the operating budget.

Suggested Motion:

- Motion to approve an ordinance enacting a through truck prohibition along Davenport Place, from Davenport Road to Vermont Court, Davenport Road, from Vermont Avenue to Davenport Place, Enka Orchard Street, NC 112 (Sand Hill Road) to Enka Pine Street, Keith Drive, Bingham Road

to a point 800 feet northeast of Bingham Rd, Oak Hill Drive, from NC 63 (New Leicester Highway) to Hazel Mill Road, and Vermont Court, from Davenport Place to Vermont Avenue.

Attachment(s)

- Ordinance

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE I, SECTION 1 OF APPENDIX "C" OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 160A-296(a) the City has general authority and control over all public streets, sidewalks, alleys, bridges, and other ways of public passage within its corporate limits; and

WHEREAS, the City has the authority pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 160A-300 to prohibit, regulate, divert, control, and limit pedestrian or vehicular traffic upon the public streets, sidewalks, alleys, and bridges of the city;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE

Section 1: That Article I, Section 1 of Appendix C of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Asheville (Truck Traffic Prohibited on Residential Streets) be amended to include the following street:

Davenport Place, from Davenport Road to Vermont Court

Davenport Road, from Vermont Avenue to Davenport Place

Enka Orchard Street, NC 112 (Sand Hill Road) to Enka Pine Street

Keith Drive, Bingham Road to a point 800 feet northeast of Bingham Rd

Oak Hill Drive, from NC 63 (New Leicester Highway) to Hazel Mill Road

Vermont Court, from Davenport Place to Vermont Avenue

Section 2: That all Ordinances or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 3: That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon adoption by the City Council of the City of Asheville and the erection of signs giving notice of the truck prohibition.

Read, approved and adopted this 25th day of August, 2020.

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CITY CLERK MAYOR

Approved as to form:

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CITY ATTORNEY