
MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Michael Smith, Public Works Director

Date: 7/25/2011

Subject: **Adoption of Designated Truck Routes**

DESCRIPTION

Adoption of Designated Truck Routes

BACKGROUND

Upon incorporation, the City enacted a truck route ordinance and accepted DeKalb County's existing list of truck routes. The following roads are currently designated as truck routes within the City:

1. Chamblee Dunwoody Road from I-285 to the Sandy Springs city limit.
2. Mount Vernon Road from the western border with Sandy Springs to the northern border with Sandy Springs.
3. Winter's Chapel Road from Peachtree Industrial Boulevard (S.R. 141) to the Gwinnett County line.

Trucks are only allowed on other roads in the City if they are making deliveries or pickups. In such cases the ordinance requires delivery trucks to use the most direct route between one of the designated routes and the delivery location.

Section 30-72 of the City's ordinance currently requires the truck route list to be renewed biannually by the governing authority. Council discussed proposed revisions to the existing routes and ordinance at the June 13th and July 11th Council meetings.

DISCUSSION

Due to their weight, trucks cause a disproportionate amount of pavement stress. It is in the best interest of the City to limit truck access to those areas where it is commercially necessary. In reviewing the location of commercial areas, highway access and the truck route designations of bordering jurisdictions, staff has proposed the following changes to the City's list of truck routes:

1. Move the northern limit of the Chamblee Dunwoody Road truck route from the Sandy Springs city limit south to the intersection with Roberts Drive. The land use north of this intersection is residential and the current route does not connect to a designated route in Sandy Springs.

2. Remove the Winter's Chapel Road truck route. Winter's Chapel goes into and out of Dunwoody and Gwinnett County at several locations along the corridor and is not designated as a truck route in Gwinnett.
3. Add Perimeter Center West as a truck route from the Sandy Springs border to Ashford Dunwoody Road. This connects to the Abernathy/Perimeter Center West truck route in Sandy Springs.
4. Add Ashford Dunwoody Road as a truck route from I-285 to Perimeter Center West.

Staff has discussed the routes proposed within the Perimeter Community Improvement District (PCID) boundary with PCID staff and received their concurrence.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Staff recommends adoption of the proposed changes to the truck routes and the changes to Section 30-72 of the City's Code of Ordinances.

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 30 OF THE CITY OF DUNWOODY CODE OF ORDINANCES BY
REVISING TRUCK ROUTE REVIEW REQUIREMENTS; DELETING CERTAIN DEFINITIONS; AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES**

- WHEREAS,** the City of Dunwoody (the "City") has heretofore adopted an ordinance for Traffic and Vehicles, as set forth in Chapter 30 of the Code of the City of Dunwoody (the "Code"); and
- WHEREAS,** Chapter 30, Section 30-72 (Truck Routes; Posted Regulatory Signs) currently requires that the list of truck routes must be reviewed biannually by the governing authority; and
- WHEREAS,** the land use patterns, road network and truck delivery routes are well-established and expected to remain relatively stable over time; and
- WHEREAS,** the Chapter further has some definitions that are not used in conjunction with its sections and should thus be deleted.

NOW, THEREFORE, Mayor and City Council of the City of Dunwoody hereby ordain as follows:

Section 1: Chapter 30 of the City of Dunwoody Code of Ordinances ("Traffic and Vehicles") is hereby amended by deleting the definitions of the following terms in their entirety from Article III ("Trust Routes"), Section 30-69: "Bimodal semitrailer," "Pneumatic tire," "Private road or driveway," "Semitrailer," "Sidewalk," "Stand or standing," "Stop or stopping," and "Truck camper."

Section 2: The City of Dunwoody Traffic and Vehicles ordinance, Chapter 30, Article III ("Truck Routes"), is further amended by revising Section 30-72 ("Truck Routes; Posted Regulatory Signs") to read as follows:

ADDITIONS = UNDERLINED
DELETIONS = ~~STRIKETHROUGH~~

Sec. 30-72. Truck Routes; posted regulatory signs

A list and map of approved truck routes shall be kept on file with the city police department and the city clerk. The list of truck routes may be revised as deemed necessary by the city police department with the approval of the governing authority, with the entire list ~~requiring renewal by the governing authority biannually~~ renewed in concurrence with Comprehensive Transportation Plan updates. All listed routes will be further identified by posted regulatory signs.

Section 3: This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the City Council, and incorporated into the Code of the City of Dunwoody, Georgia. This Ordinance hereby repeals any and all conflicting ordinances and amendments.

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**STATE OF GEORGIA
CITY OF DUNWOODY**

ORDINANCE 2011-XX-XX

SO ORDAINED AND EFFECTIVE, this 25th day of July, 2011.

Approved:

Ken Wright, Mayor

ATTEST:

Approved as to Form and Content:

Sharon Lowery, City Clerk
(Seal)

Brian Anderson, City Attorney