

Legislation Text

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SUBJECT:

Approval of the second and final reading of an ordinance amending Section 126-186 of the Code of Ordinances to prohibit through truck traffic on Oak Run Parkway.

BACKGROUND / RATIONALE:

Council District: 3

City Council unanimously approved the first reading of an ordinance amending Section 126-186 of the Code of Ordinances to prohibit through truck traffic on Oak Run Parkway on November 12, 2018.

The Engineering Division received a request from citizens to establish a No Through Truck restriction on Oak Run Parkway between Loop 337 and SH 46 due to concerns related to through truck traffic in a residential area. This portion of Oak Run Parkway has a posted speed limit of 30 mph, is classified as a major collector in the adopted Thoroughfare Plan and has homes fronting the roadway, some of which require backing onto Oak Run Parkway. Additionally, Oak Run Parkway between SH 46 and the city limits has an existing through truck restriction.

Through truck restrictions apply to any truck that is traveling and not bound for a destination along the specified roadway. Delivery or service trucks driving to a destination along a route with through truck restrictions are not prohibited from these roads because they are not through traffic.

Traffic counts were conducted for over one week in May 2018. During that time, approximately 20% of the over 40,000 vehicles that travelled on this section of Oak Run Parkway were classified as large trucks. Through trucks between Loop 337 and SH 46 were also observed by city staff during field observations.

Staff recommends restricting through truck traffic on Oak Run Parkway between Loop 337 and SH 46 based on evidence of trucks bypassing the more appropriate route through the Loop 337 and SH 46 interchange. Other factors supporting the restriction include houses fronting Oak Run Parkway, truck travel through a residential area, and the existing through truck restriction on the other portion of Oak Run Parkway in the city limits. The proposed ordinance will not restrict access of truck traffic to commercial businesses along the route.

ADDRESSES A NEED/ISSUE IN A CITY PLAN OR COUNCIL PRIORITY:

2006 Comprehensive Plan: Transportation Goal 21: Provide a system of convenient and safe transportation facilities through comprehensive, cooperative and continuing transportation system planning and development.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Traffic control signs cost approximately \$150 each. Sufficient funding is available in the FY18-19 approved Public Works budget.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Transportation and Traffic Advisory Board unanimously recommended the creation of a through truck restriction on Oak Run Parkway between Loop 337 and SH 46 at their meeting on September 13, 2018.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends creating a truck restriction on Oak Run Parkway between Loop 337 and SH 46.