

Legislation Text

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SUBJECT:

Public hearing and first reading of an ordinance amending Section 126-186 of the Code of Ordinances to prohibit through truck traffic on West Mill Street between Academy Avenue and Walnut Avenue.

BACKGROUND / RATIONALE:

Council Districts: 1 & 6

The Engineering Division received a request from a citizen to establish a No Through Truck restriction on W Mill Street between Academy Avenue and Walnut Avenue due to concerns related to through truck traffic in a residential area. W Mill Street has a posted speed limit of 30 mph, is a local residential street and has homes fronting the roadway.

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 truck traffic. The term 'truck' is defined in Section 126-1 of the Code of Ordinances:

Truck means any motor vehicle designed, used or maintained primarily for the transport of property. For purposes of this section, the following are not included within the definition of a truck:

- (1) Light trucks, including any truck with a manufacturer's rated carrying capacity not to exceed 2,000 pounds and including those trucks commonly known as pickup trucks, panel delivery trucks, vans and carryall trucks.*
- (2) Recreational vehicles and passenger buses.*

Observations were conducted along this portion of W Mill Street at multiple times throughout the day over the course of the week of February 24-28, 2020 and again during the week of September 21-25, 2020. During the February observations, some trucks were observed due to the San Antonio Street construction and the September observations yielded no through trucks observed.

The attached traffic study summary provides the crash history review and more details about the site investigations. Staff does not recommend restricting through truck traffic on W Mill Street between Academy Avenue and Walnut Avenue at this time.

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

N/A

FISCAL IMPACT:

Traffic control signs cost approximately \$150 each. Sufficient funding is available in the FY 2021 approved streets and drainage budget.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Transportation and Traffic Advisory Board unanimously opposed the creation of a through truck restriction on W Mill Street between Academy Avenue and Walnut Avenue at their meeting on November 19, 2020.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff does not recommend through truck traffic restrictions on W Mill Street between Academy Avenue and Walnut Avenue at this time.