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SUBJECT:

Discussion Concerning Truck Traffic on East McEwen Drive from Cool Springs Blvd to Wilson Pike.

Purpose

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide information to the Franklin Board of Mayor and Aldermen (BOMA) concerning truck traffic on East McEwen Drive and on city streets in general.

Background

During the discussions about the acceptance of Federal funding for the East McEwen Drive Phase 4 Improvements project, it was requested that the City consider limiting trucks on East McEwen Drive, between Cool Springs Boulevard and Wilson Pike.

Within the existing City of Franklin Municipal Code, there are a two (2) sections within Title 15, Chapter 1 that deal specifically with truck traffic. The first section, 15-124, limits vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) in excess of 10,000 pounds to a specific list truck routes. The second section, 15-127, prohibits truck traffic specifically from Riverside Drive.

In an effort to simplify the Code, staff proposes changes to these two (2) sections. Rather than use a GVWR rating of 10,000 pounds as the definition for truck traffic, staff proposes to utilize the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) 13-type vehicle classification system (Exhibit A). Any vehicle classified as Class 6 or greater would be limited to using the designated truck routes. However, any vehicle performing a pick-up, delivery, or service call to an address not on a truck route, would be exempted from this requirement. Staff also proposes to delete Section 15-127, as it is unnecessary.

Financial Impact

There is no direct cost associated with this amendment to the Code. This amendment simply restates the existing Code in a different way.

Recommendation

There is no recommendation at this time. Staff seeks input from the BOMA on this issue.