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City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: FEBRUARY 28, 2005

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

FROM: JAMES K. HARTMANN, CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE IMPLEMENTING RECOMMENDATION BY THE TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD TO PROHIBIT THROUGH TRUCKS IN THE 200 BLOCK OF SOUTH WEST STREET BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 11:00 P.M. AND 7:00 A.M.

ISSUE: City Council consideration of an ordinance implementing the Traffic and Parking Board recommendation to prohibit through truck traffic in the 200 block of South West Street between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.

RECOMMENDATION: That City Council pass the ordinance on first reading and set if for public hearing, second reading and final passage on Saturday, March 12 (Attachment 1).

BACKGROUND: West Street is classified as a primary collector on the City's street classification map and provides a direct link across Old Town between the Braddock Road Metro Station and Duke Street. The 200 block of South West Street (Attachment 2) is residential. However, there is considerable commercial development in the immediate vicinity. Residents in the 200 block of South West Street have stated that the noise generated by large trucks is excessive and is waking them up late at night or early in the morning. This request is based on the desire of these residents to reduce the amount of noise generated by truck traffic late at night and early in the morning.

The Traffic and Parking Board considered this request at the Board's November 22, 2004, meeting. Following the public hearing on this matter, the Board voted six to one to recommend a prohibition of through truck traffic in the 200 block of South West Street between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. To implement this restriction Council must adopt an ordinance change adding this portion of South West Street to the list of streets in the City where trucks are prohibited.

DISCUSSION: The 200 block of South West Street presents unique challenges in attempting to balance the needs of the residents along with the needs of the nearby businesses. Located next to one of the busiest roadways in the City (Duke Street), and providing convenient access to main east-west streets in Old Town such as Cameron, King, and Prince Streets and Holland Lane as well as to the Braddock Road Metro Station and nearby businesses, this section of South West

Street experiences considerable traffic volumes for a residential street. The residents have accepted the fact that, because of the location, the 200 block of South West Street will experience a considerable amount of truck traffic. However, the residents are concerned about the after hours residual truck traffic which has alternatives (such as Route 1 South [Henry Street] and Route 1 North [Patrick Street]) to using West Street. This truck traffic harms the character of the neighborhood and makes it difficult for the residents to enjoy a good night's sleep.

On November 16, 2004, staff from the Transportation and Environmental Services Department collected data on the number of trucks traveling on this section of West Street. The data showed that during the hours of the proposed restriction (11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.) there were a total of 10 trucks. Although this number may not sound particularly high, consideration needs to be given to the fact that most of these trucks were present during the early morning hours.

FISCAL IMPACT: The cost of posting recommended truck restriction is minimal. The associated enforcement costs are also minimal.

ATTACHMENTS:
Attachment 1 - Ordinance
Attachment 2 - Map of routes trucks will travel if prohibited from using the 200 block of West Street

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Thomas Culpepper, P.E., Deputy Director, T&ES
Robert M. Garbacz, P.E., Division Chief, Transportation

EXHIBIT NO. 2

Introduction and first reading:	03/08/05
Public hearing:	03/12/05
Second reading and enactment:	03/12/05

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Title

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 10-1-15.1 (TRUCK TRAFFIC; PROHIBITED ON CERTAIN STREETS; PENALTY), of Chapter 1 (GENERAL PROVISIONS), Title 10 (MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC) of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

Summary

The proposed ordinance prohibits truck traffic in the 200 block of South West Street between the hours of 11:00 PM and 7:00 AM.

Sponsor

Staff

Tom Culpepper, Deputy Director, Transportation and Environmental Services
Michele Evans, Assistant City Manager
Joanna Frizzell, Assistant City Attorney

Authority

§ 2.04(g), Alexandria City Charter

Estimated Costs of Implementation

As stated in memorandum from the city manager.

Attachments in Addition to Proposed Ordinance and its Attachments (if any)

None

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EXHIBIT NO. 3

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 10-1-15.1 (TRUCK TRAFFIC; PROHIBITED ON CERTAIN STREETS; PENALTY), of Chapter 1 (GENERAL PROVISIONS), Title 10 (MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC) of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Section 10-1-15.1 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended, be, and the same hereby is, amended and reordained to read as follows:

Sec. 10-1-15.1 Truck traffic; prohibited on certain streets; penalty.

(a) Motor trucks are prohibited from using the following streets or portions of streets:

(1) Powhatan Street between North Washington Street and Henry Street;
(2) South Gordon Street;
(3) South Early Street;
(4) South Floyd Street;
(5) the 200 block of South Fayette Street;
(6) the 200 block of South Payne Street;
(7) the 600 block of South Saint Asaph Street;
(8) the 300 and 400 blocks of North Fayette Street;
(9) the 300 and 400 blocks of North Payne Street;
(10) the 1200 and 1300 blocks of Queen Street;
(11) the 1200 and 1300 blocks of Princess Street;
(12) the 1200 and 1300 blocks of Oronoco Street;
(13) Pickett Street between Seminary Road and Pegram Street;
(14) Jordan Street between Seminary Road and Duke Street;
(15) Howard Street between Seminary Road and Jordan Street;
(16) Richenbacher Avenue between north Van Dorn Street and Pickett Street; ~~and~~
(17) Taney Avenue between north Van Dorn Street and Jordan Street~~.~~; ~~and~~
(18) the 300 block of South Henry Street; and
(19) the 200 block of South West Street between the hours of 11:00 PM and 7:00 AM only.

(b) The prohibition set out in subsection (a) shall not apply to public utility motor trucks or to motor trucks whose purpose is receiving loads or making deliveries on the streets or portions of streets listed in subsection (a) or on an adjacent residential street to which no other access is available.

(c) Any person violating this section shall be fined not less than $100.

Section 2. That this ordinance shall become effective at the time and on the date of final passage.

WILLIAM D. EUILLE
Mayor

Introduction: 03/08/05
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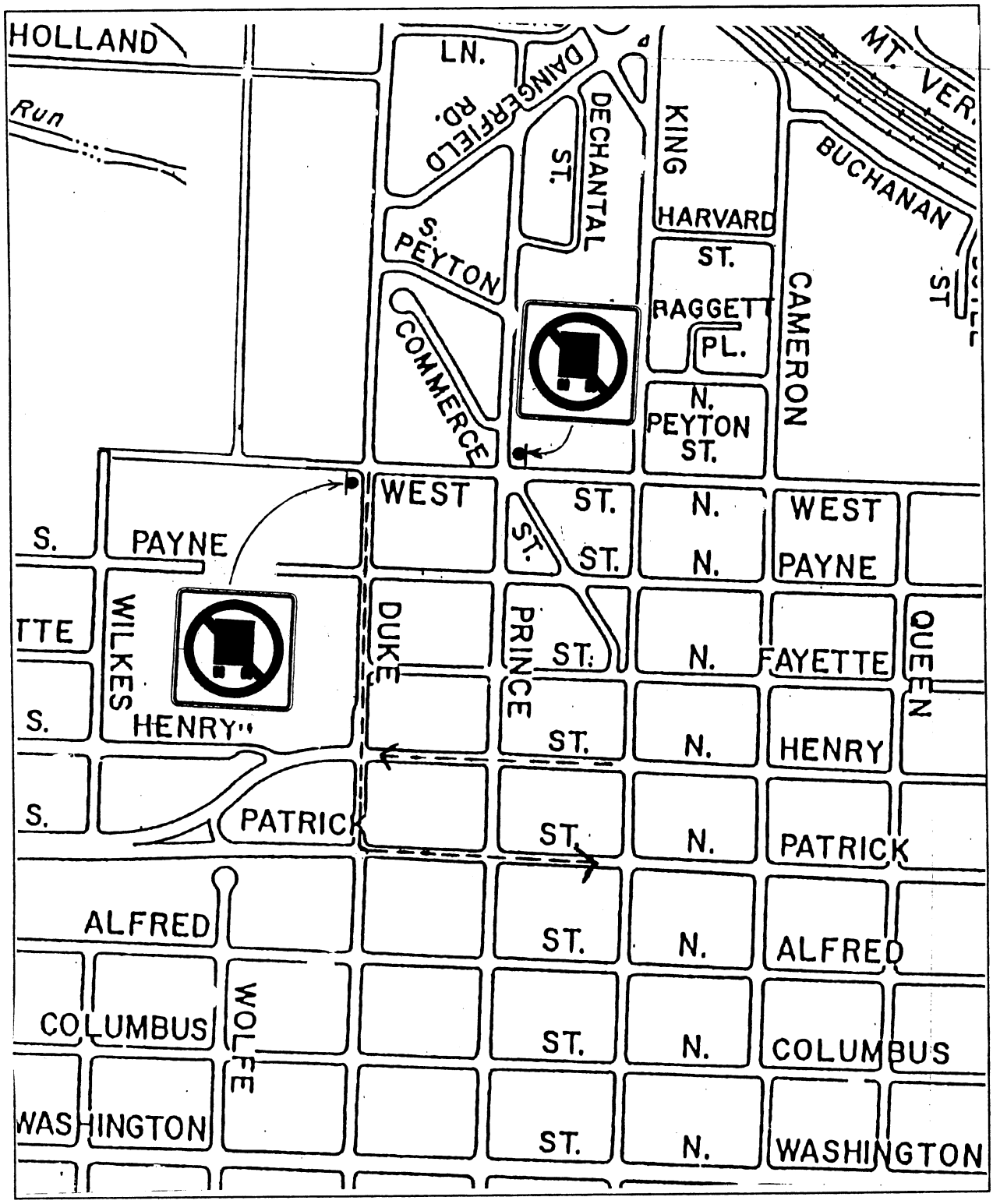
Attachment 2



Routes trucks will travel if prohibited from using the 200 block of West Street