

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HAHIRA, GEORGIA - 14-01

AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE AND RESTRICT THE THROUGH TRAVEL OF TRUCKS ON CERTAIN ROADWAYS WITHIN THE CITY, ESTABLISH PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the Hahira City Council is vested with the authority to provide for the safe use of public roads of Hahira, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, truck traffic impacts the traveling citizens of Hahira, Georgia and on certain roads and at certain locations within the City can create safety hazards; and

WHEREAS, the City is constituted mostly of residential zoning districts and streets and the roadways in those areas are constructed and used primarily for residential purposes. These residential areas are not suited for large and heavy through vehicular traffic; and

WHEREAS, many of the streets within the City are not constructed in width or otherwise to adequately withstand the weight of heavy motor vehicles and use by such vehicles has caused and will cause premature and unreasonable destruction or damage on certain roads and at certain locations within Hahira, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, the present roadway system in the City includes certain roadways that are designed and constructed to handle large and heavy motor vehicles and that provide adequate connectivity and access for truck traffic through the City such that such vehicles can and should use those roadways, subject to the exceptions contained herein, in lieu of other City roadways.

NOW THEREFORE, be it hereby ordained for the purpose of promoting the health, safety and general welfare of the present and future inhabitants of The City Hahira; to restrict commercial vehicle truck traffic from certain roads in Hahira, and establish standards for prohibiting trucks and tractor trailers from traveling on the rights-of-way. City Council does hereby ordain and enact into law the following:

I.

A new Section 38 is hereby added to Chapter 78, as follows:

Sec. 78-38 Truck Traffic

(a) **SHORT TITLE:** This ordinance shall be known and may be cited as the Truck Traffic Ordinance.

(b) **DEFINITIONS:**

1. "Truck" means any commercial vehicle with more than 6 wheels, except vehicles or operators of local origin, recreational vehicles, and busses used in transportation of

chartered parties or schoolchildren, police, fire, ambulance or other public safety vehicles, government owned vehicles or vehicles owned or operated by city contractors engaged in the repair, maintenance or construction of city streets or utilities.

2. "Residential Area" an area with streets designed primarily for residential and accessory traffic that are primarily interior subdivision streets and specifically including all residential areas platted and regulated by the City of Hahira.

(c) **PROHIBITION ON THROUGH TRUCKS**

1. It shall be unlawful for any Truck, to travel those certain City streets set forth on the attached Exhibit "A", as now or hereafter amended, unless the vehicle trip originates or ends on such road or is made for the purpose of making a delivery to a site on such road. All such streets shall be posted with signs that state, "No Thru Trucks over 6 wheels".

(d) **PROHIBITION ON TRAVEL IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS.** No truck shall enter or travel on a street in a residential area in City of Hahira, except for the purpose of delivering goods or services to houses or points within such residential areas for short periods of time during daylight hours.

(e) **OVERNIGHT STAY.** No Truck or tractor-trailer shall enter, travel or park on a street in a residential area or park on a right-of-way in City Hahira for the purpose of an overnight stay by the driver or operator.

(f) **VIOLATIONS.** Any person violating this Ordinance shall be punished by a fine not exceed \$100.00. Each day that the offense continues shall constitute a separate violation.

(g) **SEVERABILITY.** Should a sentence, section, subsection or provision of this Ordinance or application thereof be declared unconstitutional or invalid, such declaration shall not affect or impair the validity of the remainder of said Ordinance or the Ordinance as a whole or any part or application so declared to be unconstitutional or invalid.

**EXHIBIT A
List of Roads**

District One:

District Two:

South Nelson Street from South Church Street to East Main Street (State Hwy 122)

District Three:

South Hagan Bridge Rd from Old Highway 41 to East Main Street (State Hwy 122)

District Four:

II.

All other provisions of Chapter 78 shall remain in full force and effect except as amended hereby.

III.

This Ordinance shall become effective from and after the date of adoption.

IV.

All Ordinances and parts of Ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

ORDAINED this 9th day of January, 2014.



Bruce Cain, Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk