

ST. TAMMANY PARISH COUNCIL

ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE CALENDAR NO. 3526 ORDINANCE COUNCIL SERIES NO. 07-

COUNCIL SPONSOR MR. THOMPSON PROVIDED BY COUNCIL OFFICE

INTRODUCED BY: MR. BURKHALTER SECONDED BY: MR. STEFANCIK

ON THE 5TH DAY OF APRIL 2007

ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A "NO THRU TRUCKS" ZONE ON NORTH WILLIE ROAD WARD 2, DISTRICT 3

WHEREAS, St. Tammany Parish Government is charged with protecting the health, safety and general welfare of citizens of the parish; and

WHEREAS, a request has been made by citizens on North Willie Road that a "No Thru Trucks" zone be established on the roadway prohibiting commercial truck traffic from using it as a cut-through route between Highway 40 (a.k.a. Uneedus Road) and Highway 1078 (a.k.a. Bennett Bridge Road); and

WHEREAS, the Parish Engineering Department has evaluated North Willie Road and determined the road is of sufficient design, construction and markings to warrant unrestricted truck traffic flow; and

WHEREAS, additional evaluation by this Parish Council concludes that the increase in commercial truck traffic using the roadway solely as a time saving cut-through alternative to traditional highway routes is detrimental to the health, safety and general welfare of citizens residing on and in the vicinity of North Willie Road and should be restricted.

THE PARISH OF ST. TAMMANY HEREBY ORDAINS, that

SECTION I: A "NO THRU TRUCKS" ZONE is hereby established on North Willie Road (R02-H-011) between Louisiana Highway 40 and Louisiana Highway 1078, WARD 2, DISTRICT 3.

SECTION II: The Parish Departments of Engineering and Public Works are directed to post the appropriate signs at these locations.

SECTION III: This ordinance shall not operate to prohibit commercial trucks from using this roadway in making deliveries to sites on or accessed from this roadway.

SECTION IV: If any provision of this ordinance shall be held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect any other provision herein which can be given effect without the invalid provision and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

SECTION V: All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION IV: This ordinance shall become effective fifteen (15) days after final adoption.

MOVED FOR ADOPTION BY: _____, SECONDED BY: _____

WHEREUPON THIS ORDINANCE WAS SUBMITTED TO A VOTE AND RESULTED IN THE FOLLOWING:

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

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*Kevin Davis
Parish President*

MEMORANDUM

**ST. TAMMANY PARISH GOVERNMENT
DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING**

Date: March 14, 2007

To: Mike Sevante

From: Rebecca B. Lala, P.E. 
Traffic Engineer

Re: James A. "Red" Thompson "NO THRU TRUCK" request
District 3
N. Willie Rd. (2-H-11)

Based on our conclusions found from an engineering study performed on North Willie Road for the request of a "No Thru Truck" route, engineering recommends that the request be denied and that North Willie Road is to remain a through truck route. Engineering does not agree with the delineating of truck traffic along North Willie Road to an alternate route since it would be deemed unnecessary. The reason for this is that North Willie Road is not a low speed roadway with a width narrow enough where there may be a need to restrict truck traffic flow. In fact, North Willie Road contains the characteristics of a high speed highway due to its 55 MPH speed limit, having solid yellow double striping, and an adequate width for any passing trucks. So from our findings associated with our study, the approval of a "No Thru Truck" route to be established along any portion of North Willie Road is not recommended by the engineering department.

If you need any further clarification or require more information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Xc: Councilman James A. "Red" Thompson
Joseph M. Gustafson, Parish Engineer
Christian Boutte, Traffic Engineer Intern