

**(DRAFT) Turnagain Community Council**  
Resolution No. 2018-01

**Resolution Supporting Actions to Address Commercial Thru Truck Traffic Use on Streets  
within the Turnagain Residential Neighborhood, including Lakeshore Drive**

WHEREAS, the Turnagain Community Council (TCC) is an all-volunteer, self-governing neighborhood organization recognized in the Anchorage Municipal Charter, Article VIII, Section 8.01; and

WHEREAS, during the 2017 construction season, significant airport-generated heavy commercial truck traffic originating from contractors working on Airport/leaseholder construction activities used Lakeshore Drive to access these areas; and

WHEREAS, a section of Lakeshore Drive is located in a residential section of the Turnagain neighborhood and is a paved, two-lane road — without curb and gutter or sidewalk amenities to protect pedestrian traffic that is generated not only by local residents, but by visitors traveling to Spenard Beach Park (located on Lakeshore Drive) and the Lake Hood Seaplane Base area, from the Turnagain and Spenard areas; and

WHEREAS, the significant construction truck traffic traveling through this section of Lakeshore Drive, which included heavy concrete trucks, six-axle trailers, and trucks hauling gravel, rock, asphalt, etc. (see attached photos) posed a significant safety hazard and created negative impacts — including noise and air pollution for residents and recreationalists in this area, and potential road wear, if allowed to continue; and

WHEREAS, Lakeshore Drive (between Aero Ave. ROW and Spenard Rd.) is designated a Neighborhood Collector in the Municipality of Anchorage Official Streets and Highways Plan, which states, “The collector street system should be designed so that **through traffic is discouraged** between larger residential areas or between larger residential areas and major activity areas”; and

WHEREAS, Anchorage Municipal Code 9.46.410 states, “No local or neighborhood collector street, as designated on the official streets and highways plan of the municipality, shall be used by any commercial vehicle with a gross weight of 10,000 pounds or greater, except where required to make deliveries and pickups, or to provide business service at a specific location where the vehicle is required as an essential part of the service, and then only by the most direct route requiring the least amount of travel upon such local or residential collector streets”; and

WHEREAS, local residents as well as the Turnagain Community Council have contacted various departments within the Municipality of Anchorage, the Anchorage Assembly, the Ted Stevens International Airport (TSAIA) and the State of Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities, to express concerns, point out potential MOA Code violations, and seek resolution to this significant neighborhood safety problem — before spring 2018 construction season begins — as construction projects at the Airport generating heavy commercial truck traffic will continue this year; and

WHEREAS, as a result of our efforts, TCC received verbal assurance from TSAIA that any future airport/leaseholder construction contracts include clear directions of permitted, permissible truck routes — and that use of Lakeshore Dr. would not be included in the permitted use truck route; and

WHEREAS, TSAIA recently experienced upper management changes and TCC desires to maintain good communications with TSAIA and to see that their commitment to the protection of Lakeshore Drive from truck traffic related to construction at Lake Hood and TSAIA is enforced;

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Turnagain Community Councils supports efforts to restrict thru heavy commercial truck traffic, which cause significant safety hazard conditions and potential roadway damage on streets within the Turnagain residential neighborhood, by:*

1. Requesting the Municipality of Anchorage to authorize the Traffic Safety Division to install “NO THRU TRUCKS” traffic signage (as currently exists on another Turnagain neighborhood collector — Hillcrest Drive) on Lakeshore Drive between Spenard Rd. and Aero Ave. ROW that would ban such truck traffic in accordance with Municipal Code 9.46.416 before spring 2018 construction season begins (photo of sign below); and

2. Continuing conversation with TSAIA, the Alaska Department of Transportation, and the Municipality of Anchorage, to insure building permits for airport-related and other construction projects as well as operators of other trucks over 10,000 lbs. provide clear and appropriate truck traffic routes that avoid the use of roadways located within Turnagain residential areas.

RESOLUTION PASSED AND APPROVED by Turnagain Community Council at its regularly scheduled meeting this 11th day of January 2018.

This resolution passed by a vote of \_\_\_\_\_ in favor, \_\_\_\_\_ opposed.

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Cathy Gleason, President, Turnagain Community Council

**Photo of Municipality of Anchorage sign RE: NO THRU TRUCKS AMC 9.46.416**



**Attachment to Resolution —**

**Lakeshore Drive, Summer 2017  
Photos by Ralph Guditz, resident**



