



RESOLUTION 2012-R-01

“ROAD MODIFICATION”

“A RESOLUTION MODIFYING THOMAS HARMON DRIVE AT THE CAMDEN TOWN CENTER BOUNDARY FOR TRAFFIC CALMING”

WHEREAS, Newell’s Creek residents have presented Mayor and Council with safety concerns due to the volume of traffic on Thomas Harmon Drive; and

WHEREAS, a survey of the community with 129 homes participating; 66% of which voted in favor of closing Thomas Harmon Drive; and

WHEREAS, in August 2010 the Camden Police Department monitored traffic via radar box over a period of two weeks (one week in each direction), resulting in an average of 4574 vehicles per day; and

WHEREAS, Caesar Rodney School District has provided documentation confirming that 63 students currently walk to Nellie Hughes Stokes Elementary School from the Newell’s Creek development; and

WHEREAS, the intersection of Thomas Harmon and Wal-Mart Drives at the three-way stop sign has been determined congested; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Camden recognizes that closing Thomas Harmon Drive at the boundary to the Camden Town Center to eastbound traffic will calm the traffic within the Newell’s Creek development providing a safer environment for children, also calming the congested intersection of Thomas Harmon Drive at Wal-Mart Drive; and

WHEREAS, the residents of Newell’s Creek will file a “Safe Routes to School” request for installation of crosswalk markings and “Yield to Pedestrians” signs at the intersections within the community, with DeIDOT Safe Routes to School funds; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Camden will file a request for Community Traffic funds to purchase and install bollards at the boundary of Newell’s Creek and Camden Town Center.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Camden Mayor and Council recognize and support the need for traffic calming measures within the Newell’s Creek and Camden Town Center developments, thereby causing the closure of Thomas Harmon Drive at the boundary of the developments to eastbound traffic from Newell’s Creek into Camden Town Center; and having held a 1st reading on February 6th and a 2nd reading and public hearing on March 5th, 7:00 p.m. at the Camden Municipal Complex, 1783 Friends Way, to approve the street modifications as described herein by a vote of Council on this 5th day of March 2012.

TOWN COUNCIL VOTING IN FAVOR:

ATTEST:

Richard E. Maly, Mayor

Craig T. Eliassen, Esq., Town Solicitor

1ST Reading – 2/6/12

2ND Reading – 3/5/12

Public Hearing – 3/5/12