

Staff Report

Subject: Revision to Policy 05-22, Frontage Lots on County Maintained Roads
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Department: Development Services
Meeting Date: February 15, 2022
Item Description: Revisions to the County's policy on access to county roads for properties abutting right-of-ways to include new standards for access spacing, expanding the policy to include all county roads, and to establish guidance for the new Effingham County Parkway.

Summary Recommendation:

In 2005, the County adopted a policy for access to county roads. The policy referenced the Georgia Department of Transportation's Regulations for Driveway and Encroachment Control. The policy included a list of county roads to be subject to the policy, which was a summary of higher classification roads at the time. To provide more flexibility in the application of the policy, to implement recommendations for access control from the 2021 Transportation Master Plan, and to address the need to establish an access policy for the Effingham Parkway, Policy 5-22 is being amended and renamed "Access Management and Encroachment Regulations for Effingham County Roads."

Executive Summary/Background:

- The 2005 policy was limited to road considered Collectors due to traffic volume.
- The new policy also is limited to Collectors and above, but written so that future roads, or change in classification over time, would not limit County staff from regulating access based on this policy.
- Access control via shared access is expanded to include additional design options and requirements for development approval.
- A new section is created to define access control for Effingham Parkway.
- A variance process is defined.

Alternatives for Commission to Consider

- 1 - Approve the Access Management and Encroachment Regulations for Effingham County Roads.
- 2 – Take no action – request further revisions.
- 3 – Deny. The 2005 policy will remain in effect and Effingham Parkway will not be regulated.

Recommended Alternative: Alternative 1

Other Alternatives: Alternative 2

Department Review: Development Services; County Attorney

Funding Source: No new funding requested.

Attachments: 1. Draft Policy