

## Staff Report

**Subject:** Revision to Policy 05-22, Access Management and Encroachment Regulations for Effingham County Roads.  
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**Department:** Development Services  
**Meeting Date:** July 19, 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 control and to establish guidance for the Old Augusta Road corridor.

### 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. To provide more flexibility in the application of the policy, the policy was amended in February 2022. To expand the policy to include growth planning on the Old Augusta Road corridor, Policy 5-22 is being amended.

### Executive Summary/Background:

- The 2005 policy was limited to road considered Collectors due to traffic volume.
- The 2022 policy revision expanded access control to include additional design options and requirements for development approval, and a new section is created to define access control for Effingham Parkway.
- This revision defines access control to Old Augusta Road and properties fronting two roads seeking access.

### 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 February 2022 policy will remain in effect and Old Augusta Road 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