



Board of Commissioners Meeting

Agenda Item Submittal

Item To Be Considered: **One-Way Street Concerns Related to Golf Carts and Moore Street Direction**

Board Meeting Date: **June 26, 2023**

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Overview: The traffic pattern downtown recently changed to include one-way streets has created some concerns with Golf Cart operations and Moore Street traffic direction.

The current configuration has traffic traveling southwest along Front Street from West Corbett Avenue. Main Street has two-way traffic traveling southeast from West Corbett Avenue to Water Street. At Water Street, Main Street is one-way, traveling southeast to Front Street. Traffic travels from Front Street, northwest along Church Street to Walnut Street, where it travels northwest, two-way to West Corbett Avenue. Traffic travels northwest, one-way on Moore Street, from Front Street to Water Street.

Concerns:

- A. With the current traffic pattern, there is a lack of access to Front Street for residents operating a golf cart. Operators of golf carts are required to obey the traffic laws. With Moore Street, Main Street and Church Street all moving northwest from Front Street, operators of golf carts are forced to do one of four things to access Front Street:
1. Operate the golf cart against the flow of traffic on Main Street.
 2. Operate the golf cart against the flow of traffic on Moore Street.
 3. Operate the golf cart on West Corbett Avenue.
 4. Operate the golf cart along the sidewalk.

Each of the above movements are a violation of a Town Ordinance or of Chapter 20 of the North Carolina General Statutes.

- B. Any change in the traffic pattern on Moore Street could affect delivery trucks that utilize Moore Street. Most delivery trucks come off West Corbett Avenue, turn northwest onto Moore Street and stand as their load is delivered.

Solutions:

After careful consideration, staff has come up with several possible solutions:

- A. Make Moore Street a two-way traveling northwest from Front Street to Water Street. This solution, however, would eliminate approximately seven parking spaces located on the northeast side of Moore Street. These spaces are mostly utilized by the employees of Swansboro Food and Beverage.

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- B. Change the traffic flow on Moore Street from one-way northwest to one-way traveling southeast. This change, however, would affect the direction that delivery trucks would be required to travel in order to drop deliveries. This change would require the tractor trailer to make several tight turns in the downtown district.
- C. Make Moore Street one-way (northwest) from 5am-11am. At 11am, traffic would travel one-way southeast. This change, however, would affect employees of Swansboro Food and Beverage. The business opens at 7am for breakfast. Any employees arriving prior to 11am would be required to travel northwest on Moore Street. If these employees finish their shifts after 11am, they are now parked facing the wrong direction of travel and would be required to make a U-turn or drive in the wrong direction to leave.
- D. Allow golf carts to travel in the wrong direction on Moore Street. This exemption would create liabilities if a vehicle were to collide with a golf cart.
- E. Allow an exemption to the golf cart policy and allow golf carts to travel along the sidewalk, only, between Moore Street and Front Street.

Staff recommends solution A. Future review could be provided after the change has been place into effect to determine if another solution should be considered.

Recommended Action: Provide guidance on which solution, if any, would be more favored by the Board.