



**CITY COUNCIL
ATLANTA, GEORGIA**

23-R-3002

A RESOLUTION BY COUNCILMEMBER DUSTIN HILLIS OPPOSING FEDERAL AND STATE LEGISLATION ALLOWING FOR INCREASED TRUCK WEIGHTS AND OR TRUCK LENGTHS ON INTERSTATE HIGHWAYS, STATE ROUTES, AND LOCAL STREETS; SUPPORTING FEDERAL AND STATE LEGISLATION FREEZING CURRENT TRUCK WEIGHT AND LENGTH LIMITS AND URGING CONGRESS AND THE GEORGIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO PASS SUCH LEGISLATION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the Atlanta City Council is concerned with the welfare of our more than 500,000 city residents, pedestrians and motorists and the cost, quality, and reliability of infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, we are opposed to any federal or state legislation that would allow for heavier or longer trucks; and

WHEREAS, according to data from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), Fulton County had 761 large truck - involved crashes in 2021, of which 288 resulted in an injury and 21 resulted in a fatality; and

WHEREAS, Fulton County has 267 bridges that are rated as in either poor or fair condition, or 35% percent of all bridges, according to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA); and

WHEREAS, the 2016 U.S. Department of Transportation Comprehensive Truck Size and Weight Limits Study recommended against any increases in length or weight of trucks; and

WHEREAS, the 2016 USDOT study found that heavier trucks had a 47-400% higher crash rate in limited state testing, as well as higher out-of-service violation rates and brake violation rates; and;

WHEREAS, the USDOT also found that longer double-trailer trucks, Double 33s, took 22 feet longer to stop than the current twin 28-foot trucks on the road today; and

WHEREAS, adding weight without additional axles and braking capacity increases stopping distance, potentially turning a near-miss into a fatal accident; and

WHEREAS, in their study, USDOT examined federal bridges and found billions in additional costs associated with heavier truck proposals on interstates and did not even examine impacts on local infrastructure, including bridges, and;

WHEREAS, local and municipal governments already have difficulty maintaining public works budgets with limited capacity to raise revenue through fees and taxes, and with inflationary pressures the costs of



maintenance and replacement continues to grow, and;

WHEREAS, government highway cost allocation studies show that increases in truck size and weight would exacerbate the existing underpayment of heavy trucks and increase their subsidization by municipalities and counties, amounting to an unfunded mandate, and;

WHEREAS, the United State Congress has repeatedly rejected nationwide increases for heavier and longer trucks in a bipartisan manner, and;

WHEREAS, the Georgia General Assembly has and will be debating legislation to allow heavier trucks on state and local roads, including both broad weight increases and specific legislation raising weights for log trucks, which are some of the most dangerous trucks on the road, and;

WHEREAS, according to data from the FMCSA, log truck crashes were 69% more likely to cause a fatality when compared to all semi-truck crashes in 2021, and;

WHEREAS, log trucks involved in fatal crashes were nearly twice as likely to have rolled over and were twice the average age when compared to all trucks involved in fatalities, and;

WHEREAS, heavier and longer trucks would increase carbon emissions and pollution by diverting freight from more environmentally friendly modes of transportation onto our already congested highways, and

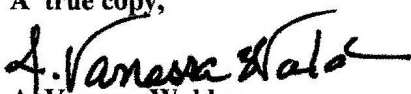
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA, AS FOLLOWS, that the Atlanta City Council opposes legislation in the United States Congress and the Georgia General Assembly that would allow heavier and long trucks on our federal, state, and local roads.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Atlanta City Council supports any federal legislation that contemplates freeing current truck weights and lengths.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Municipal Clerk is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to the members of the Georgia Congressional Delegation as well as the appropriate staff at the Georgia General Assembly.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that all resolutions and parts of resolution in conflict herewith are and the same is hereby waived.

A true copy,


A Vanessa Waldon
Deputy Municipal Clerk

ADOPTED by the Atlanta City Council
APPROVED per City Charter Section 2-403

JAN 17, 2023
JAN 26, 2023



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Workflow List:

Atlanta City Council	Completed	01/03/2023 1:00 PM
Finance/Executive Committee	Completed	01/11/2023 1:30 PM
Atlanta City Council	Completed	01/17/2023 1:00 PM

HISTORY:

01/03/23 Atlanta City Council REFERRED WITHOUT OBJECTION

RESULT:	REFERRED WITHOUT OBJECTION	Next: 1/11/2023 1:30 PM
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01/11/23 Finance/Executive Committee FAVORABLE

RESULT:	FAVORABLE [4 TO 0]	Next: 1/17/2023 1:00 PM
MOVER:	Dustin Hillis, District 9	
SECONDER:	Alex Wan, Chair, District 6	
AYES:	Alex Wan, Dustin Hillis, Marci Collier Overstreet, Jason H Winston	
ABSENT:	Matt Westmoreland	
AWAY:	Liliana Bakhtiari, Howard Shook	

01/17/2023 Atlanta City Council ADOPTED

RESULT:	ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]	
MOVER:	Alex Wan, Councilmember, District 6	
SECONDER:	Howard Shook, Councilmember, District 7	
AYES:	Bond, Westmoreland, Waites, Winston, Farokhi, Amos, Dozier, Bakhtiari, Wan, Shook, Norwood, Hillis, Overstreet, Lewis	
ABSENT:	Andrea L. Boone	

LEGISLATION HISTORY – BLUE BACK

Certified by Presiding Officer	Certified by Clerk
<p style="text-align: center;">CERTIFIED</p> <p style="text-align: center;">1/17/2023</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ATLANTA CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT</p> <p style="text-align: center;"></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">CERTIFIED</p> <p style="text-align: center;">1/17/2023</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MUNICIPAL CLERK</p> <p style="text-align: center;"></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Mayor's Action</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>See Authentication Page Attachment</i></p>	

ADOPTED BY COUNCIL

01/17/2023