CITY COUNCIL READ FILE COVER SHEET

Subjet: Ordinance 1115 concerning Changing the Traffic Pattern on Erie Street

(Public Hearing)

Date: **7/18/2023**

<u>Notice</u> :	•	Any comments made after 5:00 p.m. on the Thursday before the Council Meeting will not be seen in the agenda packet.			
<u>Purpose:</u>		FYI Read and Comment as Needed Action Required by August 7, 2023 In Confidential File Drawer			
<u>Approve:</u> Johnny Boker Comment:		□ Yes	□ No	□ No Comment	
Casi Boyer		□ Yes	□ No	☐ No Comment	
Vicki Jones		□ Yes	□ No	☐ No Comment	
Jim Ringsaker		□ Yes	□ No	☐ No Comment	
Jason Robertson Comment:		□ Yes	□ No	☐ No Comment	
Tammy Lynn Schneegas		□ Yes	□ No	□ No Comment	

Note: N/A

1	CITY COUNCIL						
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3	HAVRE DE GRACE, MARYLAND						
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5	ORDINANCE NO. 1115						
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7	Introduced by Council Member Deven						
8 9	Introduced by Council Member Boyer						
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11	AN ORDINANCE BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF HAVRE						
12	DE GRACE, MARYLAND, ADOPTED PURSUANT TO THE						
13	AUTHORITY OF ARTICLE XI-E OF THE MARYLAND						
14	CONSTITUTION, THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ARTICLE OF THE						
15	ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND, AND SECTIONS 33, 34, 65, AND						
16	66 OF THE HAVRE DE GRACE CITY CHARTER TO CHANGE THE						
17	TRAFFIC PATTERN ON ERIE STREET						
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20	On: <u>July 17, 2023</u>						
21	at: <u>7:00 p.m.</u>						
22	Ordinance introduced, read first time, ordered posted and public hearing scheduled.						
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24	DUDI IC HE A DING						
25	PUBLIC HEARING						
26	A Public Hearing is scheduled for August 7, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.						
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20	EXPLANATION						
	<u>Underlining</u> indicates matter						
	added to existing law.						
	[Bold Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.						
	Amendments proposed prior to						
	final adoption will be noted on a						
	separate page with line references or by handwritten						
	changes on the draft legislation.						
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WHEREAS, in August 2008, the Maryland Transportation Authority and the City of Havre de Grace closed Erie Street between Juniata Street and U.S. Route 40 in Havre de Grace for the Thomas J. Hatem Memorial Bridge preservation project but allowed Erie Street to remain open (two way) to local traffic only so residents could access it from eastbound U.S. Route 40.; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution 2011-11 the City Council made the westernmost part of the 800 block of Erie Street a one way street and prevented westbound traffic on Erie from entering U.S. Route 40 and allowing two-way, local traffic only for the rest of the street; and

WHEREAS, in February 2016 the Mayor signed Executive Order 2016-01 re-opening the 800 block of Erie to two-way traffic with access to U.S. Route. 40, at the request of the State Highway Administration, noting that the change of traffic flow on the 800 block of Erie Street had caused severe traffic congestion and a safety issue at the intersection of Ohio and Ontario Streets; and

WHEREAS, at the June 5, 2023 City Council meeting citizens residing on the 800 block of Erie Street testified about ongoing property damage and personal safety concerns due to increased car and truck traffic through the narrow residential street by vehicles accessing U.S. Route 40 from Juniata Street; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor issued Declaration 2023-01 stating that emergency conditions existed and executed emergency Executive Order 2023-01 effective on June 15, 2023 making the 800 block of Erie Street for one way eastbound traffic only from U.S. Route 40 to Juniata Street for a thirty-day period subject to extension by the City Council for another thirty days to give the City Council time to review the matter and enact an ordinance for a more permanent solution to the traffic patterns on Erie Street; and

WHEREAS, the 800 block of Erie Street is a narrow residential street approximately 29 feet wide with 30 residences and only 11 driveways with parking permitted on both sides of the street; and

WHEREAS, the street was clearly marked for no truck traffic, yet trucks over five (5) ton Gross Vehicle Weight Rating ("GVWR") continuously used the 800 block of Erie Street to access U.S. Route 40; and

WHEREAS, since 2016, the City received a steady volume of complaints from citizens living on the 800 block of Erie Street reporting safety concerns as well as multiple reported cases of destruction of personal property due to the high volume of two- way traffic on such a narrow street; and

WHEREAS, the 800 block of Erie Street was used for both ingress and egress to U S. Route 40 by a high volume of traffic inundating the residential street with nearly continuous traffic and creating a public safety threat for citizens living in the area; and

75	WHEREAS , since the implementation of	of the 2023 Executive Order the issues have been				
76	resolved and there has been no adverse impact on the public who are still able to use existing routes					
77	from Maryland State Highway 7A, known as Otsego Street to access U.S. Route 40; and					
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79	WHEREAS, the Ambulance Corp and	Susquehanna Hose Company have no concerns				
80	about the 800 block of Erie Street being one way with access only from U.S. Route 40; and					
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82	WHEREAS, the Public Safety Commit	tee of the City Council has reviewed the traffic				
83	patterns and reached a consensus that one-way traffic on the 800 block of Erie Street should be					
84	continued;					
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86	NOW THEREFORE. it is this	day of August, 2023 determined, decided and				
87	ordained by the Mayor and City Council:					
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89	The 800 block of Erie Street shall remain	open only to one-way traffic eastbound from U.S.				
90	Route 40 to Juniata Street.					
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92	ADOPTED by the City Council of Havre de Gra	ace, Maryland this day of, 2023.				
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94	SIGNED by the Mayor and attested by the Director of Administration this day of,					
95	2023.					
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98	ATTEST:	MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL				
99		OF HAVRE DE GRACE				
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102	Stephen J. Gamatoria	William T. Martin				
103	Director of Administration	Mayor				
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106	Introduced/First Reading: 7/17/2023					
107	Public Hearing:					
108	Second Reading/Adopted:					
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110	Effective Date:					
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112	Legislative History and Related Material					
113	Resolution 2011-11					
114	Executive Order 2016-01					
115	Executive Order 2023-01					
116	Declaration 2023-01					
117	City Council meeting minutes and video archive June 15, 2023					