

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING THE REGULATION OF KINDS AND CLASSES
OF TRAFFIC AND ESTABLISHING TRUCK ROUTES

SEC. 11-8 TRUCK ROUTES- MEANINGS OF CERTAIN WORDS AND PHRASES

- (A) When used in this Chapter the words and phrases defined shall, for the purpose of this Chapter, have the meanings respectively ascribed to them herein.
- (B) Whenever any words and phrases used in this Chapter are not defined herein, but are defined in the State Laws regulating the operation of vehicles, any such definition therein shall be deemed to apply to such words and phrases used in this Chapter.

SEC. 11-9 SAME- DEFINITIONS

- (A) Available Route: A street, road, or highway dedicated for and open to public motor vehicle travel.
- (B) Axle: All wheels whose centers are included within two parallel transverse vertical planes not more than forty inches apart, extending across the full width of the vehicle.
- (C) City: The City of Commerce City, Colorado.
- (D) Gross Weight of Vehicles: The sum of all axle loads for trucks, including trailers when trailers are connected to a truck.
- (E) High Pressure and Low Pressure Pneumatic Tires: Every pneumatic tire designed for use and used when inflated with air to less than 100 pounds pressure shall be deemed a low pressure pneumatic tire, and every pneumatic tire inflated to 100 pounds pressure or more shall be deemed a high pressure pneumatic tire.

- (F) Net Vehicle Weight: That weight in pounds, which is shown on the vehicle registration for the state in which the vehicle is registered; or, if said weight is not shown on said registration, the unloaded weight of the vehicle.
- (G) Person: Any person, firm, partnership, association, corporation, company or organization of any kind.
- (H) Tandem Axle: Two or more consecutive axles, the centers of which may be include between parallel vertical planes spaced more than forty inches and not more than ninety-six inches apart, extending across the full width of the vehicle.
- (I) Truck: Any motor vehicle, except privately owned recreational motor vehicles and mass transportation motor vehicles, whose net vehicle weight exceeds 8,000 pounds or whose gross vehicle weight exceeds 10,000 pounds.
- (J) Truck Route: A highway which is part of the National System of Interstate and Defense Highways; a State highway; or a highway, street, or road posted as provided in Section 11-14 over and along which trucks may operate.

SEC. 11-10

SAME- TRUCK ROUTES

There are hereby established the following truck routes within the City.

1. 48th Avenue-Between Forest St. and Pontiac St.
2. 49th Avenue-Between Monaco St. and Sand Creek Dr.
3. 49th Drive -Between 50th Avenue and Monaco Street
4. 50th Avenue-Between Ivy Street and Pontiac Street
5. 52nd Avenue-Between U.S. 6 & 85 and Ivy Street
6. 53rd Place -Between Newport Street and Quebec St.
7. 56th Avenue-Between Brighton Blvd. and Quebec St.
8. 58th Avenue-Between Dahlia Street and Monaco St.
9. 58th Place -Between U.S. 6 & 85 and Glencoe Court
10. 60th Avenue-Between Brighton Blvd. and Quebec St.
11. 64th Avenue-Between Burlington Ditch and Quebec St.
12. 72nd Avenue-Between Colorado Blvd. and Quebec St.
13. 80th Avenue-Between Brighton Blvd and S.H. No. 2
14. 88th Avenue-Between U.S. 6 & 85 and S.H. No. 2
15. 96th Avenue-Between U.S. 6 & 85 and S.H. No. 2
16. Brighton Blvd.-Between U.S. 6 & 85 and 88th Ave.
17. Colorado Blvd.-Between Brighton Blvd. and 74th Ave.
18. Dahlia Street -Between 52nd Avenue and 56th Ave.
19. Dahlia Street -Between 58th Avenue and 60th Ave.
20. Eudora Street -Between 56th Avenue and 58th Avenue

21. Glencoe Court -Between 58th Avenue and 58th Place
22. Holly Street -Between 56th Avenue and 60th Avenue
23. Ivy Street -Between 48th Avenue and 52nd Avenue
24. Monaco Street -Between 48th Avenue and 50th Avenue
25. Monaco Street -Between 56th Avenue and 60th Avenue
26. Newport Street-Between Sand Creek Dr. and 56th Ave.
27. Pontiac Street-Between 48th Avenue and 50th Avenue
28. Quebec Street -Between 50th Avenue and S.H. No. 2
29. Rosemary St. -Between 80th Avenue and 88th Avenue
30. York Street -Between 54th Ave. and Platte River Bridge

SEC. 11-11 SAME- TRUCKS HAVING THEIR ORIGIN AND DESTINATION OUTSIDE CITY

- (A) All trucks entering the City for destination points outside the City shall be operated only on truck routes.
- (B) Any person who violates this Section commits a Class 3 traffic offense.

SEC. 11-12 SAME- TRUCK TRAFFIC IN THE CITY

- (A) Outside Origin
 1. One Inside Destination Point. Any truck entering the City for a destination point in the City shall proceed only over a truck route and shall deviate from that route only at the intersection which is nearest to the destination point. Upon leaving the destination point, a truck shall return to a truck route by the shortest available route.
 2. Multiple Inside Destination Points. Any truck entering the City for multiple destination points inside the City shall proceed only over a truck route and shall deviate from that route only at the intersection which is nearest to a destination point. Upon leaving a destination point, a truck shall return to a truck route by the shortest available route, unless the shortest available route to the nearest truck route is longer than the shortest available route to the next destination point. Upon leaving its last destination point, a truck shall return to a truck route by the shortest available route.

(B) Inside Origin

1. Outside Destination Point. Any truck , on a trip originating in the City and traveling in the City toward a destination point outside the City, shall proceed over the shortest available route to a truck route.
2. Inside Destination Points. Any truck, on a trip originating in the City and traveling in the City towards a destination point in the City, shall proceed over the shortest available route to a truck route and shall remain on a truck route until it reaches the intersection which is nearest to the destination point. Upon leaving its destination point, a truck shall return to a truck route by the shortest available route.

- (C) Any person who violates any provision of this Section commits a Class 3 traffic offense.

SEC. 11-13

SAME- EXCEPTIONS

Sections 11-10, 11-11 and 11-12 shall not prohibit:

- (A) The operating of emergency vehicles upon any street in the City;
- (B) The operation of trucks owned or operated by the state, county, or a municipality, a public utility, or a contractor engaged in the repair, maintenance, or construction of streets, street improvements, or utilities in the City;
- (C) The operation of trucks on any street which has been designated by the City as a detour.

SEC. 11-14

SAME- POSTING OF SIGNS

The City Engineer shall cause all truck routes except highways which are part of the National System of Interstate and Defense Highways and State highways to be posted with signs identifying them as truck routes. Signs designating a truck route shall specify the maximum axle weight permitted on the truck route. A street, road or highway is not a truck route, or a part thereof, unless posted as such, or unless the highway is a State highway or a part of the National System of Interstate and Defense Highways.

The size of said signs and their manner of posting shall be in accordance with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, 1978 edition, as amended. State highways and highways which are part of the National System of Interstate and Defense Highways are truck routes, but need not be posted as such.

SEC. 11-15 SAME- EVIDENCE OF POINTS OF ORIGIN AND DESTINATION

Any person operating a truck upon a street, road, highway or portion thereof which is not a truck route shall have in his possession a log book, delivery slip or other evidence of his points of origin and destination to justify the presence of his truck upon such street, road, or highway. Failure to produce such evidence upon the request of a police officer shall be a Class 3 traffic offense.

The following will be added to Section 11-23. Amendments. in the appropriate order.

SEC. 18-3 LENGTH, WIDTH AND HEIGHT OF VEHICLES AND LOADS

(A) Length

1. No single motor vehicle shall exceed a length of forty feet extreme overall dimension, inclusive of front and rear bumpers. The length of vehicles used for the mass transportation of passengers wholly within the limits of a town, city, or municipality or within a radius of fifteen miles thereof may extend to sixty feet. The length of school buses may extend to forty feet.
2. No combination of vehicles coupled together shall consist of more than four units, and no such combination of vehicles shall exceed a total overall length of seventy feet. Said length limitation shall not apply to trucks tractor-semitrailer combinations when the semitrailer is forty-eight feet or less in length, or to truck tractor-semitrailer-trailer combinations when both the semitrailer and the trailer are twenty-eight feet or less in length.

Said length limitations shall also not apply to vehicles operated by a public utility when required for emergency repair of public service facilities or properties or when operated under special permit as provided in Section 18-11, but in respect to night transportation every such vehicle and the load thereon shall be equipped with a sufficient number of clearance lamps on both sides and marker lamps upon the extreme ends of any projecting load to clearly mark the dimensions of such load. The limitations provided in this Section shall be strictly construed and enforced.

3. The length limitations of vehicles and combinations of vehicles provided for in this Section as they apply to vehicles being operated and utilized for the transportation of steel, fabricated beams, trusses, utility poles, pipes and automobiles shall be determined without regard to the projection of said commodities beyond the extreme front or rear of the vehicle or combination of vehicles, except that the projection of a load to the front shall be governed by the provisions of Section 18-10 and no load shall project beyond the rear more than ten feet.

(B) Width

The total outside width of any vehicle or the load thereon shall not exceed eight feet six inches, except as follows:

1. The total outside width of any vehicle or the load thereon shall not exceed one hundred two inches, except as otherwise provided in this Section. A load of loose hay, whether horse-drawn or by motor vehicle, shall not exceed twelve feet in width.
2. This Subsection shall not be construed so as to prohibit the projection beyond the widths specified herein of clearance lights, rear view mirrors, or other accessories required by law.

(C) Height

No vehicle unloaded or with load shall exceed a height of thirteen feet, except that vehicles with a height of fourteen feet six inches may be operated on streets which are state highways when so designated by the State Department of Highways, but only on such designated highways.

Such height shall be measured from the roadway surface to the highest point of the vehicle or the highest point of any load being carried on the vehicle, whichever height is greater.

(D) Penalty

Any person who violates any provision of this Section commits a Class 3 traffic offense.

SEC. 18-7

WHEEL AND AXLE LOADS

(A) The gross weight upon any wheel of a vehicle shall not exceed the following:

1. When the wheel is equipped with a high-pressure pneumatic, solid rubber, or cushion tire, eight thousand pounds;
2. When the wheel is equipped with a low-pressure pneumatic tire, nine thousand pounds.

(B) The gross weight upon any single axle of a vehicle shall not exceed the following:

1. When the wheels attached to said axle are equipped with high-pressure pneumatic, solid rubber, or cushion tires, sixteen thousand pounds;
2. When the wheels attached to any single axle are equipped with low-pressure pneumatic tires, twenty thousand pounds, except that vehicles equipped with a self-compactor and used solely for the transporting of trash are exempted from the provisions of this subparagraph.
3. When the wheels attached to a tandem axle are equipped with low-pressure pneumatic tires, forty thousand pounds.

- (C) Any person convicted of having violated any provision of this Section shall be fined in accordance with the provisions of Section 18-18 below.

SEC. 18-11

PERMITS FOR EXCESS SIZE AND WEIGHT AND FOR MOBILE HOMES

- (A) The City Engineer may upon application in writing and good cause being shown therefor, issue a single trip, a special, or an annual permit in writing, authorizing the applicant to operate or move a vehicle or combination of vehicles, of a size or weight of vehicle or load exceeding the maximum specified in this Chapter, or otherwise not in conformity with the provisions of this Chapter, upon any street within the City, except that permits for the movement of any mobile home shall be issued as provided in Subsection (B) of this Section. The application for any permit shall specifically describe the vehicle and load to be operated or moved and the particular street or streets for which the permit to operate is requested, and whether such permit is for a single trip, a special, or an annual operation, the maximum axle load, the length of the vehicle between and including the front and rearmost bumper, and the time of such movement.
- (B) All applications for permits to move mobile homes over any street within the City shall comply with the following provisions:
1. Each such application shall be for a single trip, a special, or an annual permit. The application shall be accompanied by a certificate or other proof of public liability insurance in amounts of not less than \$100,000.00 per person, and \$300,000.00 per accident for all mobile homes moved within the City by the permit holder during the effective term of the permit.

2. Holder of permits shall keep and maintain, for not less than three calender years, records of all mobile home moved in whole or in part within the City, which records shall include the plate number of the towing vehicle, the year, make, serial number, and size of the unit moved, together with date of the move; the place of pick-up; and the county of final destination. These records shall be available upon request for inspection by the State of Colorado or any of its ad valorem taxing government subdivisions.
 3. Holder of permits shall obtain an authentication of paid ad valorem taxes through the date of the move from the owner of a used mobile home or from the county treasure of the county from which the used mobile home is being moved.
 4. No owner of a mobile home shall knowingly move his mobile home or knowingly provide for the movement of his mobile home without being the holder of a paid ad valorem tax certificate thereon, and no person shall knowingly assist such an owner in the movement of his mobile home, including a mobile home dealer.
- (C) The City Engineer is authorized to issue or withhold a permit, as provided in this Section, and, if such permit is issued, to limit the number of trips, or to establish other time limitations within which the vehicles described may be operated on the streets indicated, or otherwise to limit or prescribe conditions of operation of such vehicles, when necessary to protect the safety of highway users, to protect the efficient movement of traffic from unreasonable interference, or to protect the highways from undue damage to the road foundations, surfaces, or structures. The City Engineer may require such undertaking of other security as may be deemed necessary to compensate for any injury to any highway or highway structure.
- (D) Every such permit shall be carried in the vehicle or combination of vehicles to which it refers and shall be open to inspection by any police officer or authorized agent of any authority granting such permit, and no person shall violate any of the terms or conditions of such special permit.

- (E) Any person who has obtained a valid permit for the movement of any oversized vehicle or load may attach to such vehicle or load or to any vehicle accompanying the same not more than three illuminated flashing signals as warning devices.
- (F) No permit shall be necessary for the operation of authorized emergency vehicles, public transportation vehicles operated by municipalities or other political subdivisions of the State, county road maintenance and county road construction equipment temporarily moved upon the highway, implements of husbandry and farm tractors temporarily moved upon the highway including transportation of such tractors or implemented by a person dealing therein to his place of business within the State or to the premises of a purchaser or a prospective purchaser within the State; nor shall such vehicles or equipment be subject to the size and weight provisions of this Chapter.
- (G) The City Engineer shall charge applicants permit fees as follows:
1. For overlength, overwidth and overheight permits on loads of vehicles which do not exceed legal weight limits.
 - a. Annual permit, \$250.00
 - b. Single trip permit, \$15.00
 2. For overweight permits for vehicles or loads exceeding legal weight limits up to 200,000 pounds:
 - a. Annual permit, \$400.00
 - b. Single trip permit, \$15.00 plus \$5.00 per axle
 3. Special permits for structural, oversized, or overweight moves requiring extraordinary City action, or moves involving weight in excess of 200,000 pounds, \$125.00 for a permit for a single trip or the actual cost to the City of the extraordinary action, whichever amount is greater.
- (H) This Section 18-11 is not applicable to State Highways or the National System of Interstate and Defense Highways.
- (I) Any person who violates any provisions of this Section commits a Class 3 traffic offense.

INTRODUCED, READ IN FULL, AND APPROVED ON
READING ON THE _____ DAY OF _____, 1987, AND ORDERED
PUBLISHED IN _____

_____, Mayor

ATTEST:

_____, City Clerk