

CHAPTER 66

LOAD AND WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS

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66.01 TEMPORARY EMBARGO. If the Council declares an embargo when it appears by reason of deterioration, rain, snow or other climatic conditions that certain streets will be seriously damaged or destroyed by vehicles weighing in excess of an amount specified by the signs, no such vehicles shall be operated on streets so designated by such signs.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.471 & 472)

66.02 PERMITS FOR EXCESS SIZE AND WEIGHT. The Director of Public Works may, upon application and good cause being shown therefor, issue a special permit in writing authorizing the applicant to operate or move a vehicle or combination of vehicles of a size or weight or load exceeding the maximum specified by State law or the City over those streets or bridges named in the permit which are under the jurisdiction of the City and for which the City is responsible for maintenance. A fee shall be paid by the applicant for the permit, with the amount of the fee determined in accordance with an established fee schedule, which fee schedule may be modified from time to time with the approval of the Council. Immediately upon issuing such permit, the Director of Public Works shall notify the Police Chief.

(Ord. 756 – Oct. 02 Supp.)

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.473 & 321E.1)

66.03 TRUCK TRAFFIC PROHIBITED.

1. When signs are erected giving notice thereof, no person shall operate any motor truck licensed to carry more than ten (10) tons upon any of the following streets or parts of streets:

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.473 & 475)

- NONE -

2. The Council may, by motion, grant special permission allowing a person to operate motor trucks where prohibited by subsection 1 of this section for a period of not more than one year per request, provided the person establishes each of the following:

A. Denial of special permission for such usage would prohibit all motor truck access to the person's real property.

B. Denial of special permission for such usage would create an unreasonable hardship to the person and the person's real property.

66.04 LOAD LIMITS ON BRIDGES. Where it has been determined that any City bridge has a capacity less than the maximum permitted on the streets of the City, or on the street serving the bridge, the Director of Public Works may cause to be posted and maintained signs on said bridge and at suitable distances ahead of the entrances thereof to warn drivers of such maximum load limits, and no person shall drive a vehicle weighing, loaded or unloaded, upon said bridge in excess of such posted limit.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.471)

66.05 TRUCK ROUTE. Truck route regulations are established as follows:

1. Definitions. For use in this section, the following terms are defined:
 - A. “Light delivery truck,” “panel delivery truck,” “delivery truck” or “pickup truck” means any motor vehicle designed to carry not more than two thousand (2,000) pounds of merchandise or freight of any kind.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.1[5])

- B. “Motor truck” means every motor vehicle designed primarily for carrying livestock, merchandise, freight of every kind, or over nine persons as passengers, except light delivery trucks, panel delivery trucks, delivery trucks, and pickup trucks.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.1[4])

2. Truck Routes Designated. Motor trucks, as defined in subsection 1, having no fixed terminal within the City or making no scheduled or definite stops within the City for the purpose of loading or unloading shall travel over or upon the following streets within the City and none other:

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.473)

- A. Hickman Road.
 - B. Interstate 35/80 from the south corporate limits to the north corporate limits.
 - C. University Boulevard.
 - D. N.W. 86th Street.
 - E. University Avenue.

(Ord. 764 – Jan. 03 Supp.)

3. Deliveries Off Truck Route. Any motor truck, as defined in subsection 1, having a fixed terminal, making a scheduled or definite stop within the City for the purpose of loading or unloading shall proceed over or upon the designated routes set out in this section to the nearest point of its scheduled or definite stop and shall proceed thereto, load or unload and return, by the most direct route to its point of departure from said designated route.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.473)

4. Employer’s Responsibility. The owner, or any other person, employing or otherwise directing the driver of any motor truck shall not require or

knowingly permit the operation of such vehicle upon a street in any manner contrary to this section.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.473)

5. Exceptions. The provisions of this section do not apply to fire apparatus, school buses, and other motor vehicles owned and operated by a governmental agency, road machinery, implements of husbandry temporarily moved upon a highway, or to a vehicle operated under the terms of a special permit issued as provided in this chapter.

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