



INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM

TO: Transportation and Infrastructure Services Committee
FROM: Pete Mayer – Interim Public Work Director
BY: Adam Cox, P.E. – Interim Traffic Engineer
CC: Mayor Thomas McLeod
DATE: November 22, 2024
SUBJECT: Allentown Truck Ordinance

ISSUE

Approve the Allentown Truck Ordinance adopting a new Tukwila Municipal Code Chapter 9.54 “Truck Routes”

BACKGROUND

During the 1990s, “No Truck” signs were installed on roadways throughout the Allentown Community. During the 42nd Ave S Bridge Replacement Project and the Allentown EIS Project, it was noted that no ordinance had been established to authorize the Tukwila Police Department to issue citations or infractions for overweight vehicles. The Allentown residents have communicated to City staff their concerns regarding through-hauling trucks traveling through in a residential neighborhood.

DISCUSSION

The proposed Ordinance states that vehicles with a Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR) greater than 26,001 pounds and 26 feet in total length will be restricted from designated roadways throughout the Allentown Community.

The proposed ordinance establishes a designated truck route through Allentown that provides an entrance/egress route for vehicles exceeding 26,001 pounds. This ordinance enables the Tukwila Police Department to enforce penalties against commercially licensed drivers who fail to comply with the approved route.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

None

RECOMMENDATION

The Council is being asked to approve the ordinance and consider this item at the December 9, 2024 Committee of the Whole meeting and subsequent December 16, 2024 Regular Consent Meeting.

ATTACHMENTS: Ordinance Adopting a New Tukwila Municipal Code Chapter 9.54
Allentown Map and Roadway Table

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TUKWILA, WASHINGTON, ADOPTING A NEW TUKWILA MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 9.54, "TRUCK ROUTES"; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, residents of the City of Tukwila ("City") have brought forward concerns about through-hauling trucks within their neighborhoods and the associated safety and infrastructure degradation issues that arise from this activity; and

WHEREAS, neighborhood roadways are designated to accommodate mostly light duty and occasionally medium duty vehicles; and

WHEREAS, frequent use of residential roadways by heavy duty vehicles rapidly accelerates deterioration of the roadway and increases the likelihood of damage to ancillary roadway infrastructure due to insufficient room to accommodate safety turning movements; and

WHEREAS, RCW 46.44.080 permits municipalities to prohibit the operation of motor trucks or other vehicles or impose weight limits on use of trucks as they deemed necessary to protect public roadways; and

WHEREAS, the Tukwila City Council desires to enable commerce to flow on City roadways, in particular on roadways in the Allentown residential area, while ensuring that the roadways are protected from damage caused by heavier vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the Tukwila City Council adopts this chapter to establish truck routes within the City that promote compatible land uses, enhance public safety, and minimize pavement maintenance and reconstruction costs.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TUKWILA, WASHINGTON, HEREBY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. TMC Chapter 9.54 Enacted. TMC Chapter 9.54 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

CHAPTER 9.54
Truck Routes

<u>Sections:</u>	
<u>9.54.010</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
<u>9.54.020</u>	<u>Definitions</u>
<u>9.54.030</u>	<u>Trucks — Prohibited</u>
<u>9.54.040</u>	<u>Enforcement — Penalty</u>

Section 2. Regulations Established. TMC Section 9.54.010 is hereby established to read as follows:

9.54.010 **Purpose**

A. Purpose. The purpose of this chapter is to establish truck routes within the city that promote compatible land uses, enhance public safety, and minimize pavement maintenance and reconstruction costs.

B. Policy.

1. Provide roadways that are safe for vehicles, bicyclists, and pedestrians to use;
2. Provide truck routes that follow the guidance contained in the city's comprehensive plan transportation element (the transportation plan);
3. Provide for the transportation of heavier products on roads (truck routes) best designed to handle the additional pavement stress in order to minimize the amount of maintenance and repair costs required on those streets;
4. Restrict the gross vehicle weight of vehicles traveling on non-truck route roads except where the use of these roads is necessary to travel from the point of origin within the city to the nearest truck route, or from a truck route to a destination point within the city;
5. Limit the number of truck routes to minimize the number of streets that need more expensive pavement construction and more frequent maintenance work;
6. Protect residential neighborhoods from:
 - a. Excessive truck traffic creating greater hazards to pedestrians, bicyclists, and children;
 - b. Increased congestion and noise pollution from truck traffic; and
 - c. Minimize pavement potholes, raveling, rutting, or other pavement distress conditions that cause hazards to motorcyclists, bicyclists, and pedestrians;

7. Finally, it is recognized that during emergency situations, the director of public works or designee shall have the authority to further restrict loads or create detours for vehicles traveling on city road

Section 2. Regulations Established. TMC Section 9.54.020 is hereby established to read as follows:

9.54.020 Definitions

The terms used in this chapter shall have the following meanings unless otherwise specifically provided:

(A) “City” means the City of Tukwila.

(B) “Destination point” means the fixed location that the operator of a vehicle must directly access in order to load or unload goods, passengers or other cargo, or to perform services.

(C) “Parking” means that term as defined in RCW 46.04.381, as now or hereafter amended.

(D) “Hazardous cargo” means “hazardous materials,” as defined in RCW 70.136.020(1), as now or hereafter amended.

(E) “Semitrailer” means that term as defined in RCW 46.04.530, as now or hereafter amended.

(F) “Trailer” means that term as defined in RCW 46.04.620, as now or hereafter amended.

(G) “Motor truck” means that term as defined in RCW 46.04.310, as now or hereafter amended.

(H) “Tractor” means that term as defined in RCW 46.04.650, as now or hereafter amended.

(I) “Truck tractor” means that term as defined in RCW 46.04.655, as now or hereafter amended.

(J) “Vehicle” means that term as defined in RCW 46.04.670, as now or hereafter amended.

Section 3. Regulations Established. TMC Section 9.54.030 is hereby established to read as follows:

9.54.030 Trucks — Prohibited .

(A) operation of the following vehicles shall not occur upon and within the routes established pursuant to this chapter:

(1) Vehicles Restricted by Weight, Width and/or Length. Any motor truck, truck tractor, motor truck and trailer combination, or truck tractor and semitrailer combination, which exceeds eight feet in width, 26 feet in total length, or 26,001 pounds gross weight, including load; or

(2) Any vehicle transporting radioactive material; or

(3) Any vehicle transporting hazardous cargo.

(B) All trucks and vehicles identified in Section A are prohibited from traveling on the following routes:

	Roadway	Start	Stop
1	42nd Ave S	S 124th St	S 115th St
2	S 115th St	42nd Ave S	E Marginal Way S
3	S 116th St	42nd Ave S	43rd Pl S
4	43rd Pl S	S 116th St	44th Ave S
5	44th Ave S	43rd Pl S	S 122nd St
6	44th Pl S	44th Ave S	46th Ave S
7	46th Ave S	44th Pl S	S 122nd St
8	S 122nd	42nd Ave S	44th Pl S
9	43rd Ave S	S 122nd St	S 124th St
10	44th Ave S	S 122nd St	S 124th St
11	45th Ave S	S 122nd St	S 124th St
12	46th Ave S	S 122nd St	S 124th St
13	47th Ave S	S 122nd St	S 124th St
14	48th Ave S	S 122nd St	S 124th St
15	49th Ave S	S 122nd St	S 124th St
16	50th Ave S	51st Pl S	S 122nd Ln
17	S 122nd Ln	50th Ave S	51st Pl S
18	51st Pl S	S 124th St	Dead end

(C) The prohibitions set forth in this chapter shall not apply to the following:

(1) The operation of a vehicle upon any street where directly and unavoidably necessary in order to access or depart from a destination point. When a destination point is not located immediately adjacent to a State highway route or a designated truck route, the vehicle operator shall access and/or depart from the destination point using the shortest and most direct City arterial route to and from the nearest State highway route or designated truck route.

(2) The operation of emergency and law enforcement vehicles.

(3) The operation of any vehicle owned or operated by the City, a public utility or any contractor or materialman, while directly engaged in the repair, maintenance or construction of streets, street improvements, or street utilities within the City.

(4) The operation of any vehicle within and pursuant to any officially established temporary detour route.

(5) The operation of any vehicle directly engaged in the disposal, collection and/or transport of waste, including but not limited to recyclable material, as a part of a regularly scheduled curbside or on-site disposal or collection service within the Tukwila City limits; provided, that this exception shall not apply to hazardous cargo or radioactive materials.

(6) The operation of passenger buses, including but not limited to mass transit vehicles and school buses.

(7) The operation of vehicles directly engaged in transporting perishable commodities or commodities necessary for the health and welfare of local residents.

Section 4. Regulations Established. TMC Section 9.54.040 is hereby established to read as follows:

9.54.040 Enforcement—Penalty

Violation of TMC 9.54.030 is a traffic infraction, with a monetary penalty of \$250.00 (\$250.00), including statutory assessments, provided that signate is erected in a conspicuous place at each end of any residential or collector street and the entry to any cul-de-sac, stating the trucks over 26,001 pounds gross weight, including load, is prohibited.

Section 5. Corrections by City Clerk or Code Reviser Authorized. Upon approval of the City Attorney, the City Clerk and the code reviser are authorized to make necessary corrections to this ordinance, including the correction of clerical errors; references to other local, state or federal laws, codes, rules, or regulations; or ordinance numbering and section/subsection numbering.

Section 6. Severability. If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance or its application to any person or situation should be held to be invalid or unconstitutional for any reason by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of the remaining portions of this ordinance or its application to any other person or situation.

Section 7. Effective Date. This ordinance or a summary thereof shall be published in the official newspaper of the City and shall take effect and be in full force thirty (30) days after passage and publication as provided by law.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TUKWILA, WASHINGTON, at a Regular Meeting thereof this _____ day of _____, 2024.

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

Andy Youn, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM BY:

Office of the City Attorney

Thomas McLeod, Mayor

Filed with the City Clerk: _____

Passed by the City Council: _____

Published: _____

Effective Date: _____

Ordinance Number: _____

Table 1 - Restricted Roadways

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