



## **Chapter 20 - Regulating Truck Traffic**

### **ARTICLE I - PURPOSE**

The purpose of this chapter is to regulate the flow of truck traffic within the City of Winooski and limit the damage to public roadways from overweight vehicles.

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### **ARTICLE III - GENERAL PROVISIONS**

Statutory Cross-Reference - 23 V.S.A Chapter 13

#### **SECTION 20.01 - DEFINITIONS**

For the purposes of this ordinance the following terms, phrases, words and their derivations shall have the meaning given herein. When not inconsistent with the context, words used in the present tense include the future, words in the plural number include the singular number, and words in the singular number include the plural number. The word "shall" is always mandatory and not merely directory.



CITY – shall mean the City of Winooski.

DEVIATING TRUCK – shall mean a truck which leaves and departs from a truck route while traveling inside the city.

PERSON – shall mean any person, firm, partnership, association, corporation, company, or organization of any kind.

TRUCK – shall mean any traction engine, tractor, trailer, semi- trailer, motor truck or other motor vehicles, as defined in 23 V.S.A. § 4(20).

Statutory Cross-Reference: 23 VSA § 4.

### **SECTION 20.02 - GROSS WEIGHT LIMITS ON CITY STREETS AND HIGHWAYS**

- A. Except as provided in Section 20.04 of this ordinance, no person shall operate or cause to be operated a truck in excess of twenty-four thousand (24,000) pounds, inclusive of all loads, upon any street, highway or bridge, within the city.
- B. Said streets and highways shall be posted with signs not less than twenty-four (24) inches by twenty-four (24) inches and shall be not more than forty-eight (48) inches by forty-eight (48) inches, and shall contain the words "Legal Load limit 24,000 Pounds," in letters not less than three inches high.

### **SECTION 20.03 - TRUCK ROUTES DESIGNATED**

- A. The legal load limit shall be as prescribed for the state highway system, as defined in 23 V.S.A. §§ 1392(3) and 1400, for the following:
  - 1. Main Street (U.S. Route 7)
  - 2. East Allen Street (Vermont State Route 15)
  - 3. West Allen Street (Malletts Bay Avenue to Main Street)
  - 4. Malletts Bay Avenue
  - 5. Tigan Street
  - 6. West Center Street (Main Street to Malletts Bay Avenue)



- B. Tractor trailer trucks are strictly prohibited from traveling on Elm Street between Malletts Bay Avenue and West Street.
- C. Said streets or highways shall be posted for said legal load limit. The notices shall be of a standard size, twenty-four (24) inches by twenty-four (24) inches, and shall contain the words "Legal Load as for State Highways" in letters not less than three (3) inches high.

**SECTION 20.04 - PERMIT TO OPERATE IN EXCESS OF POSTED WEIGHT LIMIT**

- A. Any person who desires to operate a truck or trucks in excess of the weight limits provided by this ordinance, shall make application for a permit for each truck to the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles and the mayor of the city, or city manager, as prescribed in 23 V.S.A. §§ 1400 (a)(b)(c), 1402 (a)(b)(c)(d).
- B. Said permit issued to operate in excess of weight limits shall contain the following restrictions:
  - 1. Operation of any truck shall be restricted between the hours of 7:00 P.M. and 6:00 A.M. on all city streets and highways, except on designated truck routes.
  - 2. No thru truck traffic shall be permitted on East and West Spring Streets.

Statutory Cross-Reference: 23 VSA § 1400a.

**SECTION 20.05 - EXCEPTIONS**

- A. Said weight limitations shall not apply to:
  - 1. School buses, public agency transportation vehicles, emergency vehicles and vehicles owned by or performing work for the city;  
or
  - 2. Emergency situations recognized by the city manager, the director of public works, or a designated representative of either official, or a police officer.



**SECTION 20.06 - TRUCK TRAFFIC IN THE CITY**

A. Outside Origin.

1. One Inside Destination Point. All trucks entering the city for a destination point in the city shall proceed only over an established truck route and shall deviate only at the intersection with the street, upon which such traffic is permitted, nearest to the destination point. Upon leaving the destination point, a deviating truck shall return to the truck route by the shortest permissible route.
2. Multiple Inside Destination Points. All trucks entering the city for multiple destination points shall proceed only over established truck routes and shall deviate only at the intersection with the street, upon which such traffic is permitted, nearest to the first destination point. Upon leaving the first destination point, a deviating truck shall proceed to other destination points by the shortest direction and only over streets upon which such traffic is permitted. Upon leaving the last destination point, a deviating truck shall return to the truck route by the shortest permissible route.

B. Inside Origin.

1. Outside Destination Point. All trucks, on a trip originating in the city, and traveling in the city for a destination point outside the city shall proceed by the shortest direction over streets on which such traffic is permitted to a truck route as herein established.
2. Inside Destination Points. All trucks on a trip originating in the city, and traveling in the city for destination points in the city shall proceed only over streets upon which such traffic is permitted.



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**ARTICLE IV - PENALTIES**

Unless otherwise stated, any violation of this chapter shall be a civil violation and subject to civil penalties and enforcement as provided for in Chapter 1, Section 1.11 of Winooski City Code.

Statutory Cross-Reference: 24 V.S.A. §1974a