

**ORDINANCE NUMBER 231
AMENDING SECTIONS 231-25, 231-29, 231-30
TO MORE EFFECTIVELY REGULATE TRUCK TRAFFIC
BY CHANGING THE GROSS WEIGHT OF REGULATED VEHICLES
BY REMOVING THE COMMERCIAL REGISTRATION LIMITATION
AND BY INCREASING THE MONETARY IMPACT OF VIOLATIONS**

WHEREAS, Chapter § 231 (Vehicles and Traffic) of the Code of Ordinances contains provisions concerning the regulation of truck traffic within the City of Stamford; and

WHEREAS, the existing provisions of Ordinance Number 231 are no longer adequate to regulate truck traffic;

WHEREAS, the provisions of Ordinance Number 231 must be amended to limit the use of specially designated City streets by trucks with a weight in excess of 18,000 pounds ; and

WHEREAS, the provisions of Ordinance Number 231 must be amended to remove the commercial registration limitation on trucks subject to regulation; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that it is in the best interests of the City of Stamford to change the designation of the trucks subject to regulation and to increase the monetary impact of violations;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF STAMFORD THAT:

Section 231-25, 231-29 and to 231-30 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Stamford is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 231-24. Authority to regulate.

The traffic authority is authorized, subject to the following sections of this Article, to establish regulations restricting the use of any city streets by trucks as such vehicles are defined in § 231-25.

Sec. 231-25. Definitions.

As used in this Article, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

Truck. A vehicle whose gross weight or gross combination weight exceeds ~~sixteen~~ eighteen thousand (~~618,000~~) pounds and whose design and purpose is the transportation of property or materials ~~-which requires commercial registration in the State of Connecticut~~, other than a public safety, education, municipal or municipal-purpose vehicle ~~-, designed for the purpose of transporting property or materials, including motor vehicles designed to draw a semi-trailer.~~

Sec. 231-26. Required engineering study.

Prior to adopting any regulation limiting or restricting truck traffic on a city street, the traffic authority shall receive a report from the Director of Operations, or the designee of said Director which shall consider the following:

- A. Width, horizontal and vertical alignment of the street.
- B. Pavement construction and ability of street to withstand heavy vehicles.
- C. The availability of alternate routes for truck traffic other than the street being considered.
- D. Land use on the street in question.
- E. Neighborhood stability.
- F. Such other standards as are recognized and accepted by professional traffic engineers.

Sec. 231-27. Consideration of report.

Prior to adopting any regulation limiting truck traffic on any street, the traffic authority must, as may be applicable, find:

- A. That the presence of trucks on the street in question is not consistent with the public safety.
- B. That an alternate route is available for such truck traffic which is to be limited, which alternate route is reasonably direct and proper for use by truck traffic.

Sec. 231-28. Public hearing required.

Prior to adopting any truck prohibition regulation pursuant to this Article, the traffic authority shall conduct a public hearing concerning such regulation. Testimony at this hearing shall be considered in addition to the engineering report to the traffic authority. Notice of the hearing time, date and location shall be published in a newspaper having circulation within Stamford at least 15 but not more than 30 days in advance of the hearing.

Sec. 231-29. Obedience to regulations and signs.

- A. Whenever the traffic authority has adopted regulations pursuant to this Article limiting or prohibiting truck traffic on a city street, no person shall operate a truck on such street in violation of such regulation.
- B. The traffic authority shall post signs on any street advising of such regulations. ~~Such signs~~ Such signs will include the restriction "LOCAL DELIVERIES ONLY", the prohibition of trucks with gross vehicle weight or gross combination weight in excess of eighteen thousand (18,000) pounds, and cite City Ordinance 231-29. Such signs to comply with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices. No ~~such regulation shall apply to a truck having an origin or destination on the street~~ ~~subject to the regulation.~~

Sec. 231-30. Violations and penalties.

Any person who violates § 231-29 of this Article shall be fined not more than one hundred and fifty (\$150) ~~ninety dollars (\$90.)~~ for each offense. Nothing herein shall prohibit the issuance of more than one (1) citation for violating the provisions of this section, provided that such violations are sufficiently distinct in time so as to render them separate violations.