

ORDINANCE NO. 2000-1A

ORDINANCE PROHIBITING OPERATION OR PARKING OF TRUCKS/SEMI-TRAILERS ON CITY STREETS OR WITHIN RESIDENTIAL AREAS, EXEMPTING LIGHT TRUCKS, CONTAINING DEFINITIONS AND PENALTY.

WHEREAS the streets of the City of Dawson are used as parking sites by drivers to park trucks/semi-trailers, and

WHEREAS such use is detrimental to street maintenance and creates unsafe and congestive traffic flow and creates a disturbance to the peace of the community with running motors, and

WHEREAS the practice of using streets as parking sites should cease and for the same reasons such prohibition should extend to other such trucks used for non-hauling purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City of Dawson, Texas, that the following regulations imposed to-wit:

- A. City Streets – Prohibition. It shall be unlawful for any person to drive a truck tractor and semi-trailer, as a unit, onto any street or roadway not a state or federal designated highway in the City of Dawson, Texas.
- B. Exemptions: The operation of any of the following vehicles is exempt from the provisions under this section, to-wit:
  1. A truck tractor and semi-trailer unit used to deliver any item of freight or cargo for a charge to a destination within the City of Dawson, Texas, provided its operator possesses a bill of lading or other document that verifies the delivery.
  2. A truck tractor and semi-trailer unit used to pick-up any item of freight or cargo for a charge from a destination within the City of Dawson, Texas.
  3. A light truck.
- C. Exceptions: The Mayor and Council is authorized to make exceptions to this policy by establishing temporary routes as needed.
- D. **AMENDMENT BY THE CITY COUNCIL TO ALLOW TRUCK TRACTORS ONLY MAY USE DESIGNATED ROUTE TO BE GIVEN ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS TO GO STRAIGHT TO THEIR HOMES DRIVEWAY. THEY ALSO HAVE TO COME TO CITY OFFICE FOR A NO CHARGE PERMIT AND ROUTE TO BE TAKEN TO GET TO THEIR HOME. WHERE AS THE TRUCK ALONE MAY PARK AND NOT IDLE FOR MORE THAN 10 MINUTES. IF IDLING BECOMES A BOTHERSOME BY NEIGHBORS COMPLAINTS, THE COUNCIL RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REVISIT AND POSSIBLY AMEND THIS ORDINANCE. IF BY PARKING TRUCK TRACTOR IN DRIVEWAY CAUSES DAMAGE TO THE WATER METER, DRIVEWAY CULVERT AND/OR STREET CULVERTS, IT WIL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE TRUCK TRACTOR DRIVER TO PAY FOR ALL DAMAGES CAUSED BY TRUCK TRACTOR.**

Definitions:

1. Truck Tractor: Every motor vehicle designed and used primarily for drawing other vehicles and not so constructed as to carry a load other than a part of the weight of a vehicle and load so drawn.
  2. Semi-trailer: Every vehicle with or without motive power, other than a pole trailer, designed for carrying persons or property and for drawn by a motor vehicle and so constructed that part of its weight and that of its load rests upon or carried by another vehicle.
  3. Light truck: Every motor vehicle designed and used primarily for the transportation of property with a manufacturer's rated carrying capacity not to exceed 2,000 pounds, intending to include those trucks commonly known as pickup trucks, panel delivery trucks, and carry-all trucks.
- E. Penalty: An offense under this section constitutes a Class C misdemeanor and shall be punishable by a fine of any amount up to \$500 for each violation.

REVISION: PASSED AND APPROVED ON FEBRUARY 1, 2022.

STEPHEN SANDERS,  
MAYOR

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CITY SECRETARY