

## Chapter 146. Truck Routes

### Sec. 146.01. Definitions.

The following words and phrases, when used in this chapter, shall, for the purposes of this chapter, have the meanings ascribed to them herein:

*Commercial vehicle* means every self-propelled motor vehicle other than a passenger vehicle or a vehicle used for the purpose of transporting passengers for hire, and shall include every truck, truck tractor or road tractor or combination of truck or road tractor and trailer or semitrailer designed primarily for carrying commodities other than people, whether laden or unladen.

*Gross weight* and *gross vehicle weight* mean the actual unloaded weight of the vehicle, either a single unit truck or tractor-trailer combination, plus the weight of the maximum load for which such vehicle is actually or fully loaded. Any commercial vehicle operated or driven in the City of Saint Paul on streets other than state trunk highways or trucks routes shall have stenciled in a conspicuous place on each side of the cab of the vehicle the gross weight of the vehicle or combined vehicles as herein defined.

*Passenger automobile* means any motor vehicle designed and used for the carrying of not more than eight (8) persons, including vehicles known as station wagons, but excluding motorcycles.

(Code 1956, § 125.01)

### Sec. 146.02. Routes established.

(a) For the purpose of defining, regulating and restraining the movement of commercial vehicles throughout the City of Saint Paul, and the restricting of the use of the streets, public thoroughfares, highways and places by such vehicles, the council shall lay out and define certain districts and routes in which and over which all commercial vehicles may use said streets and routes and prohibiting or restricting the use of the other streets by commercial vehicles.

(b) The truck routes established by the city council as of January 31, 1967, are continued in effect and the council may add to or modify the routes by appropriate ordinance from time to time, which ordinances shall not be deemed part of the city's Legislative Code. There shall be maintained in the traffic engineer's office, the city clerk's office, the traffic violation bureau and the traffic and accident section of the police department, at all times, a complete listing of all such truck routes, which said listing is hereby incorporated in this Code the same as if fully set forth herein. Said truck routes shall be identified by appropriate signs erected and maintained by the traffic engineer's office upon all main traffic routes entering the city, notifying users of highways that commercial vehicles are only permitted on marked truck routes and upon all such other streets or highways as the city council shall from time to time determine.

(Code 1956, § 125.02)

### Sec. 146.03. Prohibition.

No person shall operate a commercial vehicle of over fifteen thousand (15,000) pounds gross weight on or over any streets, public thoroughfares, highways and places in the City of Saint Paul excepting in the districts or over the truck routes as provided by ordinance adopted pursuant to section 146.02 of the Legislative Code.

(Code 1956, § 125.03)

**Sec. 146.04. Exception for deliveries.**

When necessary in entering or leaving a truck terminal or for the purpose of making a delivery or pickup, a commercial vehicle of over fifteen thousand (15,000) pounds gross weight may travel upon any street where such delivery or pickup is to be made, or where such truck terminal is located, but shall reach or leave such location on said street by traveling over the shortest route from the nearest designated truck route or district; however, direct travel shall be allowed between points of pickup or delivery, without the necessity of returning to truck routes or districts where the distance between said points of pickup or delivery does not exceed one (1) mile. Commercial vehicles or trucks over fifteen thousand (15,000) pounds gross weight, when making a delivery, pickup or when traveling to or from a truck terminal located in the area bounded by Mississippi River Boulevard, Marshall Avenue, Snelling Avenue, Selby Avenue, Summit Avenue, Kellogg Boulevard, West Seventh Street, Otto Avenue and Highland Parkway shall consider Randolph Avenue between West Seventh Street and Cleveland Avenue, St. Clair Avenue between West Seventh Street and Cleveland Avenue, and Grand Avenue between Dale Street and Cretin Avenue as truck routes, and all provisions of this chapter applicable to truck routes shall apply.

(Code 1956, § 125.04)

**Sec. 146.05. Passing from route to route.**

A commercial vehicle of over fifteen thousand (15,000) pounds gross weight upon arriving at the end of any truck route designated herein may be driven over the most direct course to the nearest truck route which extends in the same general direction.

(Code 1956, § 125.05)

**Sec. 146.06. Powers of director.**

The director of the department of public works shall have authority, for cause or upon request, to designate temporary routes in addition to the routes specifically provided; to issue temporary permits for commercial vehicles of over fifteen thousand (15,000) pounds gross weight to operate over routes not established; or to otherwise deviate from the provisions of this chapter. Such action of the director shall be subject to review and modification or cancellation by the council.

(Code 1956, § 125.06)

**Sec. 146.07. Governmental vehicles.**

The provisions of this chapter shall not apply to emergency vehicles of the police department, fire department, division of public health, nor to any public utility vehicle where actually engaged in the performance of emergency duties necessary to be performed by said public departments or public utilities, nor to any vehicle owned by or performing work for the United States of America, the State of Minnesota, or the City of Saint Paul.

(Code 1956, § 125.07)

**Sec. 146.08. Conflict with other provisions.**

No designation of a "truck route" which consists in whole or in part of any state trunk highway, federal highway or parkway shall be construed as a permitting use of said route in violation of any order or rule of the commissioner of transportation or any ordinance. Further, no designation of any "truck route" shall be construed to permit violation of any state law or provision of this Code regulating the size, weight, capacity, height, length or speed of trucks or other vehicles.

(Code 1956, § 125.08)