

ORDINANCE NO. 11-06

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND RE-ENACT THE
CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF DENHAM SPRINGS,
CHAPTER 102 BY ENACTING SECTIONS
102-14, 102-15, AND 102-200
RELATIVE TO TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES, POLICE ESCORTS
AND FOR RELATED MATTERS**

Be it ordained by the Board of Aldermen/City Council of the City of Denham Springs, in legal session convened that Chapter 102, Sections 102-14, 102-15, and 102-200 of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Denham Springs for the City of Denham Springs, Louisiana are hereby enacted to read as follows:

ARTICLE I.

Sec. 102-14. Authority of police and fire department officials.

(a) It shall be the duty of the officers of the police department or such officers as are assigned by the chief of police to enforce all street traffic laws of this city and all of the state vehicle laws applicable to street traffic in this city.

(b) Officers of the police department or such officers as are assigned by chief of police are hereby authorized to direct all traffic by voice, hand or signal in conformance with traffic laws, provided that in the event of a fire or other emergency or to expedite traffic or to safeguard pedestrians, officers of the police department may direct traffic as conditions may require notwithstanding the provisions of the traffic laws.

(c) Officers of the fire department, when at the scene of a fire, may direct or assist the police in directing traffic thereat or in the immediate vicinity.

Sec. 102-15. Authority to restrict direction of movement on streets during certain periods.

(a) The police department, in conjunction with the street department, is hereby authorized to determine and designate streets, parts of streets, or specific lanes thereof, upon which vehicular traffic shall proceed during periods of construction, repairs or other periods when all or a portion of such street or streets, or lanes, should not be used by traffic. The police department or street department may erect signs temporarily designating the lanes to be used or not to be used and the direction of traffic flow.

(b) It shall be unlawful for any person to operate any vehicle in violation of such markings, signs, barriers or other devices so placed in accordance with this section.

Secs. 102-16 – 12-30. Reserved.

Sec. 102-200. Escort of oversized vehicles.

(a) *Definitions.* The following words and phrases, when used in this Section shall, only for the purpose of this Section, have the meanings respectively ascribed to them in this Section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning.

Mobile home shall mean: (a) a trailer or semi-trailer which is designed, constructed and equipped as a dwelling place, living abode or sleeping place, either permanently or temporarily, and is equipped for use as a conveyance on highway; or (b) a trailer or semi-trailer whose chassis and exterior shell is designed and constructed for use as a mobile home, as defined in (a), but which is used instead permanently or temporarily for the advertising, sales, display or promotion of merchandise or services, or for any other commercial purpose except the transportation of property for hire or the transportation of property for distribution by a private carrier

Oversized vehicle shall mean: any vehicle or combination of vehicles, which, together with its load, exceeds either twelve (12) feet in width, or fourteen (14) feet in height, or ninety (90) feet in length. However, a mobile home, as defined above, which is less than sixteen (16) feet in width shall not be considered an oversize vehicle.

(b) No person shall operate or permit to be operated an oversized vehicle, as defined in this section, within the corporate limits of The City of Denham Springs, without at least two (2) off-duty Denham Springs police department officers as escorts. More than two officers may be necessary depending on the circumstances. However, any such oversized vehicle which enters and leaves the corporate limits on the interstate highway system, without exiting onto other roadways, shall be exempt from the requirements of this section.

(c) The charge for each police escort shall be \$75.00 per officer. This fee is to be paid directly to each officer.

(d) Whoever violates any provision of this Section shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars or imprisoned for not more than sixty days, or both, at the discretion of the judge.

ARTICLE II.

Be it further ordained that if any provision of this Ordinance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not effect other provisions, items, or applications of this Ordinance, which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or application, and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared severable.

ARTICLE III.

Be it further ordained that all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance be and the same are hereby repealed.

ARTICLE IV.

Be it further ordained that the clerk be and she is hereby instructed, authorized and directed to have said ordinance published one time in the official journal of the City of Denham Springs, and upon such publication the ordinance shall become effective.

Said Ordinance having been introduced on the 12th day of April, 2011 by Fugler, seconded by Perkins, notice of Public Hearing having been published on the 17th day of April, 2011, said Public Hearing having been held, title having been read and Ordinance considered, on motion by Lamm-Williams, seconded by Fugler to adopt the Ordinance, a record vote was taken and the following result was had:

YEAS:	Davis, Fugler, Lamm-Williams, Perkins, Wascom
NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	None

WHEREUPON, the Mayor declared the above Ordinance duly adopted on the 25th day of April, 2011.

JAMES E. DURBIN, MAYOR

JOAN LEBLANC, CITY CLERK