

**ORDINANCE NO. 2025-513**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 18 OF THE CITY CODE, REGARDING TRAFFIC, TO IMPOSE RESTRICTIONS ON CERTAIN LARGE OR HEAVY VEHICLES, TO DESIGNATE ROUTES FOR RESTRICTED VEHICLES AND TO IMPOSE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS.**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has determined that the unrestricted travel of large and/or heavy commercial vehicles presents a threat to infrastructure and public safety.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY** the City of Clarkston, Georgia that Chapter 18 of the City's Code of Ordinances, concerning traffic, Article II, concerning restrictions on type of transportation, is hereby amended as follows:

Section 1. New Code Section 18-16 is hereby adopted, to read as follows:

**"Sec. 18-16. Designated Routes for Restricted Vehicles.**

- (a) Definitions. As used in this section, the following terms shall have the indicated meanings:

*Restricted Vehicle* means any commercial vehicle, semi-trailer, trailer, or truck heavier than 34,001 pounds, longer than 72 feet, or taller than 13 ft.- 6 inches.

*Restricted route* means the roadways designated by this section for all oversized vehicular traffic to use to travel through and around the City of Clarkston, Georgia.

*Combined gross vehicle weight rating, or "CGVWR"* means the combined total gross vehicle weight rating of the vehicle and any trailers. The actual weight of the vehicle is not considered unless it exceeds 34,001 pounds.

*Oversize vehicle means* trucks, truck-trailer combinations, vehicle with trailer combinations with an actual weight or a CGVWR of 34,001 lbs. or more

*Length means* the overall total distance from the front bumper to the rear most point of the vehicle or vehicle combination

*Height* means the vertical distance from the ground surface to the top elevation of the trailer which also includes cab antenna's, exhaust pipe stacks or other equipment.

- (b) *Routes Designated.*

- (1) The following streets and portions of streets, as identified on the map and charts below, are hereby established as designated truck routes:

Corridor	From	To
East Ponce de Leon Avenue	I 285 on-ramp	4692 East Ponce de Leon Avenue (at the City of Tucker city limits)
Church Street	N Decatur Road	North Indian Creek Drive
Montreal Road E	East Ponce de Leon Avenue	North Indian Creek Drive
Montreal Road	North Indian Creek Drive	Hwy 78 Overpass Bridge
North Indian Creek Drive	Jamieson Place	Montreal Road E
Brockett Road	East Ponce de Leon Ave	Hwy 78
Park North Boulevard	Church Street	Dead End
Glendale Road	City Limits (DeKalb County)	Church Street
Market Street	North Indian Creek Drive	East Ponce de Leon Avenue

- (2) Appropriate signs shall be erected indicating the streets that have been designated by this section as an official truck route. Such signs shall meet the requirements of state law and all applicable regulations and shall read "TRUCK ROUTES" in letters not less than four inches in height. Signs shall be posted at all intersections of designated truck routes within the boundary of the city, at off-ramps from the Interstate 285 freeway, and at any intersection where a turning movement is necessary on a designated truck route.
- (c) *Prohibition on restricted vehicles travelling off designated routes.* When truck routes are established pursuant to this section and designated by appropriate signs, the operator of any restricted vehicle shall drive said vehicle only on such routes and none other except for the following:
- (1) Restricted vehicles coming from a truck route having ingress and egress by direct routes to and from a restricted street when necessary for the purpose of providing a direct service requiring the utilization of such vehicles or making pickups and deliveries of goods, wares and merchandise from or to any building or structure located on the restricted street or for the purpose of delivering materials to be used in the actual and bona fide repair, alteration, remodeling or construction of any building or structure upon the restricted street for which a building permit has previously been obtained;
- (2) Vehicles as may be reasonably necessary:
- i. For the operation of authorized emergency vehicles or as otherwise necessary when an emergency has been declared by public officials or public act;

- ii. For the purpose of transporting a trailer used for recreation or noncommercial purposes and/or boat to and from locations along a street otherwise forbidden to be used by such vehicles;
- (3) If a delivery or pickup is to be made by a restricted vehicle within any area that is not on a designated truck route; such delivery or pickup is prohibited before 7:00 am or after 9:00 pm.
- (d) *Penalties.* Violation of this code section is punishable as follows: \$500.00 for the first offense, \$750.00 for the second offense, and \$1,000.00 for each additional offense.
- (e) The Planning & Development Director, or designee, is authorized to issue a special permit allowing an oversize vehicle to utilize an approved specific route within the city. The routes to be considered by the City can include restricted and non-restricted routes. The permit will include the date the authorization begins and the expiration date. All special permits will expire on December 31 of each year. The special permit will specify the road names or routes to be authorized for travel and the vehicle identification number of each oversize vehicle the permit is issued for. The special permit may have more than one oversize vehicle listed or may specify the fleet belonging to the permittee. The Special Permit shall be \$1,500 for each day that the approved route is utilized by the permit applicant.

Section 2.

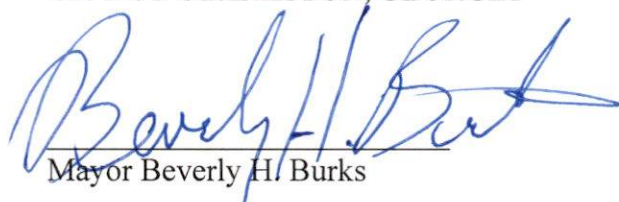
This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the City Council.

SO ORDAINED, this 1st day of April, 2025.

**ATTEST:**

  
Tomika R. Mitchell, City Clerk

**CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF CLARKSTON, GEORGIA**

  
Mayor Beverly H. Burks

Approved as to Form

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Stephen G. Quinn, City Attorney