

CHAPTER 66

LOAD AND WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS

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66.01 TEMPORARY EMBARGO. If the Council declares an embargo when it appears by reason of deterioration, rain, snow or other climatic conditions that certain streets will be seriously damaged or destroyed by vehicles weighing in excess of an amount specified by the signs, no such vehicles shall be operated on streets so designated by such signs.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.471 & 472)

66.02 PERMITS FOR EXCESS SIZE AND WEIGHT. The Council may, upon application and good cause being shown, issue a special permit in writing authorizing the applicant to operate or move a vehicle or combination of vehicles of a size or weight or load exceeding the maximum specified by State law or the City over those streets or bridges named in the permit which are under the jurisdiction of the City and for which the City is responsible for maintenance.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.473 & 321E)

66.03 LOAD LIMITS UPON CERTAIN STREETS. When signs are erected giving notice thereof, no person shall operate any vehicle with a gross weight in excess of 5,000 pounds on any City streets. Load limit signs with the amounts specified shall be posted on all streets in the City, except for the following streets:

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.473 & 475)

1. Highway B-14 to Van Gordon Avenue.
2. Van Gordon Avenue between B-14 and Des Moines Street.
3. Palmer Avenue between Highway B-14 and Robins Street.
4. Hoffman Street between Van Gordon Avenue and Cedar Avenue.

The provisions of this section shall not apply to cars; semi-tractors, pickup, light delivery or panel delivery trucks; garbage trucks contracted with the City; and all government vehicles.

66.04 LOAD LIMITS ON BRIDGES. Where it has been determined that any City bridge has a capacity less than the maximum permitted on the streets of the City, or on the street serving the bridge, the Council may cause to be posted and maintained signs on said bridge and at suitable distances ahead of the entrances thereof to warn drivers of such maximum load limits. No person shall drive upon said bridge any vehicle weighing, loaded or unloaded, in excess of such posted limit.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.471)

66.05 TRUCK ROUTE. Truck route regulations are established as follows:

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.473)

1. Truck Routes Designated. Every motor vehicle weighing two and one-half tons or more, when loaded or empty, and/or having a box for the purpose of transporting goods or merchandise of a size of seven feet by 14 feet or larger having no fixed terminal within the City or making no

scheduled or definite stops within the City for the purpose of loading or unloading shall travel over or upon the following streets within the City and none other:

- A. Highway B-14 to Van Gordon Avenue.
- B. Van Gordon Avenue between B-14 to Des Moines Street.

2. Deliveries Off Truck Route. Any motor vehicle weighing two and one-half tons or more, when loaded or empty, and/or having a box for the purpose of transporting goods or merchandise of a size of seven feet by 14 feet or larger having a fixed terminal, making a scheduled or definite stop within the City for the purpose of loading or unloading shall proceed over or upon the designated routes set out in this section to the nearest point of its scheduled or definite stop and shall proceed thereto, load or unload and return, by the most direct route to its point of departure from said designated route.

3. Employer's Responsibility. The owner, or any other person, employing or otherwise directing the driver of any vehicle shall not require or knowingly permit the operation of such vehicle upon a street in any manner contrary to this section