

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND
THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCE REGARDING
REGULATIONS FOR TRUCK TRAFFIC
CHAPTER 26 VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC**

WHEREAS, the City has reviewed its policies and procedures with respect to certain regulations and ordinances governing truck traffic; and

WHEREAS, the current list of permitted truck routes was adopted in 1993 and changes in population and traffic patterns in the City have changed significantly since that date; and

WHEREAS, certain routes formerly approved for truck routes are no longer safe for such traffic; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City of Dacula to amend the City Code update and revise certain designated truck routes; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to modify certain truck routes and authorize the City Administrator to provide notice and appropriate signage of the conditions which now exist to warrant the change in designations outlined in this Amendment;

NOW THEREFORE, THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DACULA HEREBY ORDAINS that Chapter 26 be amended as follows:

SECTION 1

The existing Section 26-48 is deleted and the following is substituted in its place:

Sec. 26-48. – Trucks over 30 feet long

All trucks having an overall length in excess of 30 feet or in excess of 8 wheels, except vehicles designed to carry passengers, are prohibited from using any street within the City except those authorized and designated as truck routes by ordinance; except, when the terminal, parking lot, repair garage, headquarters, or place of pickup or delivery for said truck is not on a designated truck route. Ingress to and egress from such places shall be made by the most direct route available between the terminal, parking lot or place of pickup or delivery and nearest designated truck route.

The existing Section 26-49 is deleted.

The existing Section 26-52 is deleted and the following is substituted in its place:

Sec. 26-52. Truck routes designated.

The following streets or portion of streets herein designated are the designated truck routes for the City:

- (1) Dacula Road from Highway 29 to City limits;
- (2) Harbins Road from Highway 29 to City limits;
- (3) Franklin Drive from Highway 29 to the stop sign at Freeman Mill Road;
- (4) West Drowning Creek Road from Tanner Road to City limits.

SECTION 2

Section 26-54 is amended to designate the City Administrator as the official authorized to designate and post appropriate notices for special conditions and designations so that Section 26-54 reads as follows:

Sec. 26-54. - Special conditions; alternative routes designated when.

When special conditions exist that would make the operation of trucks greater than 21 feet or in excess of 6 wheels especially hazardous or result in street or bridge damage and an alternative route exists, the City Administrator or his or her designee shall designate and post appropriate truck prohibition signs. Any driver of a truck described above found to be operating his vehicle within a street segment posted to prohibit these vehicles shall be deemed in violation of this section.

SECTION 3

The City Administrator, Assistant City Administrator, and Director of Planning and Economic Development are further authorized to correct typographical errors in the text of the existing Code of Ordinances and to produce and publish a final codified version of the City Code with the amendments and revisions outlined herein.

SECTION 4

In the event any Court of competent jurisdiction determines that any portion of the foregoing amendment is invalid, unconstitutional or otherwise illegal, such rulings shall not impair the validity of the rest and remainder of this amendment.

SECTION 5

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed. All of the rest and remainder of Chapter 26 not specifically amended herein shall continue in full force and effect.

SECTION 6

This Ordinance and the amendments outlined herein shall be effective immediately upon their adoption by the Mayor and City Council.

SO ORDAINED by the governing authority of the City of Dacula, this 2nd day of March, 2023.

AYES: ____

NAYES: ____

ATTEST:

HUGH D. KING, III
MAYOR, CITY OF DACULA

BRITTNI NIX,
CITY ADMINISTRATOR