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AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY OF MT. JULIET CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 28, ARTICLE IX – TRUCK ROUTES

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the City of Mt. Juliet desires to amend the City of Mt. Juliet Code of Ordinances, Chapter 28, Article IX regarding truck routes; and

WHEREAS, the amendments will improve notice of designated truck routes and clarity concerning the unlawful operation and enforcement of trucks on roadways not designated as truck routes; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 28, Article IX of the Code of Ordinances is desired to be amended as follows:

ARTICLE	SECTION	SECTION TITLE	ACTION
Article IX	Section 28-242	Definitions	Amended
Article IX	Section 28-243	Application of regulations	Amended
Article IX	Section 28-244	Established	Amended
Article IX	Section 28-245	Unlawful to use non-truck routes	Amended
Article IX	Section 28-246	Haul Surety	No Change

;and

WHEREAS, the specific amendments desired to be made to Chapter 28, Article IX of the Code of Ordinances are shown in redline form in the attached Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, a map identifying the officially designated truck routes within the City limits is attached as Exhibit B.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City of Mt. Juliet Board of Commissioners, the City of Mt. Juliet Code of Ordinances is amended as follows:

Section 1. Code of Ordinances Chapter 28, Article IX, Section 28-242, Definitions, is amended to read in its entirety as follows:

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Construction project means any residential subdivision or non-residential site development project that seeks any permits after the date this article is enacted.

Deviating truck means a truck which deviates from a truck route while traveling inside the city.

Gross weight shall mean weight of a vehicle, fully equipped and serviced for operation, including the weight of the fuel, lubricants, coolant, vehicles tools and spares, crew, personal equipment and load.

Multiple loads shall mean hauling multiple loads of logs, dirt, stone, building materials and/or products, etc. Multiple loads shall mean more than one load.

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Person shall mean any person, firm, partnership, association, corporation, company, governmental entity, or organization of any other kind.

Residential neighborhood means an area of the city zoned for and used for the purpose of single or multifamily dwellings and having streets designed for residential use.

Truck means any vehicle Class 6 or greater in the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) vehicle classification system, as shown in Table 26-54a.

Truck route means a way over certain streets as designated in this article over and along which trucks coming into and going out of the city must operate.

Section 2. Code of Ordinances Chapter 28, Article IX, Section 28-243, Application of regulations, is amended to read in its entirety as follows:

- (1) *Emergency vehicles.* The operation of emergency vehicles upon any street in the city.
- (2) *Public utilities.* The operation of trucks owned or operated by the city, public utilities, or any contractor or person engaged in the repair, maintenance, or construction of streets, street improvements, or street utilities within the city.
- (3) *Detoured trucks.* The operation of trucks upon any officially established detour in any case where the truck could lawfully be operated upon the street for which the detour is established.
- (4) *City vehicles.* The operation of trucks owned or operated by the City of Mt. Juliet on any City of Mt. Juliet Street.
- (6) *Services.* Any person rendering services to the city by contract or agreement.

Section 3. Code of Ordinances Chapter 28, Article IX, Section 28-244, Established, is amended to read in its entirety as follows:

All trucks not required to have a permit under this article shall operate only over and along the truck routes herein established and on the other designated streets over which truck travel is permitted, except as provided in this Article. Further, all trucks traveling under a permit under this article shall confine, to the extent possible, their travel within the city to the "truck route" as designated in the Mt. Juliet Truck Route Map, with exceptions as noted in any permit issued by the department of public works and engineering. The Mt. Juliet Truck Route Map shall be created and amended by the department of public works and engineering.

Section 4. Code of Ordinances Chapter 28, Article IX, Section 28-245, Unlawful to use non-truck routes, is amended to read in its entirety as follows, including the addition of Table 28-245a: FHWA Vehicle Classification System:

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It shall be unlawful for any truck, Class 6 or greater in the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) vehicle classification system as shown in Table 28-54a below, to occupy or travel on any portion of the streets of the City of Mt. Juliet, Tennessee, except for the following designated "truck routes":

- (1) Interstate 40 in its entirety.
- (2) Lebanon Road (US-70, SR-24) in its entirety.
- (3) Central Pike (SR-265) in its entirety.
- (4) N. Mt. Juliet Road (SR-171) in its entirety.
- (5) S. Mt. Juliet Road (SR-171) in its entirety.
- (6) W. Division Street in its entirety.
- (7) E. Division Street in its entirety.
- (8) Industrial Drive in its entirety.
- (9) Golden Bear Gateway from Sire Avenue to I-40.
- (10) Athletes Way in its entirety.
- (11) Volunteer Boulevard in its entirety.
- (12) Pleasant Grove Road from Old Pleasant Grove Road to N. Mt. Juliet Road.
- (13) Old Pleasant Grove Road in its entirety.
- (14) Providence Parkway from Central Pike to Westwood Boulevard.
- (15) Adams Lane in its entirety.
- (16) Providence Way from S. Mt. Juliet Road to I-40 Exit 226C ramp.
- (17) Belinda Parkway from I-40 Exit 226C ramp to Mundy Memorial Drive.
- (18) Mundy Memorial Drive in its entirety.
- (19) Purple Martin Way in its entirety.
- (20) Summit Boulevard in its entirety.
- (21) Beckwith Road from I-40 to Summit Boulevard.

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The use of city streets, other than the above designated truck routes, by any Class 6 vehicle or greater, is permitted only where reasonably necessary to enable the driver of such truck to make a service call or delivery to or from a business or other location within the immediate area. The use of city streets, other than the above designated truck routes, shall be presumed to be unlawful unless the driver of the truck can provide to the arresting officer a bill of lading, document, or receipt showing a delivery, pick-up, or service in the immediate area. The city may, at its discretion, temporarily alter the above listed truck routes in response to an emergency. Each violation of this section shall be punished in accordance with the general penalty provision of the City of Mt. Juliet Code.

Table 28-245a: FHWA Vehicle Classification System

Class 1 Motorcycles		Class 7 Four or more axle, single unit	
Class 2 Passenger cars		Class 8 Four or less axle, single trailer	
			
			
			
Class 3 Four tire, single unit		Class 9 5-Axle tractor semitrailer	
			
			
Class 4 Buses		Class 10 Six or more axle, single trailer	
		Class 11 Five or less axle, multi trailer	
			
Class 5 Two axle, six tire, single unit			
		Class 12 Six axle, multi-trailer	
		Class 13 Seven or more axle, multi-trailer	
Class 6 Three axle, single unit			
			
			

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BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED

Section 5. In case of conflict between this ordinance or any part hereof, and the whole part of any existing ordinance of the City, the conflicting ordinance is repealed to the extent of the conflict but no further.

Section 6. If any section, clause, or provision or portion of this ordinance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not affect any other section, clause, or provision or portion of this ordinance.

Section 7. This ordinance shall take effect on the earliest date allowed by law.

PASSED:

FIRST READING:

SECOND READING:

James Maness, Mayor

Kenny Martin, City Manager

ATTEST:

Jennifer Hamblen
City Recorder

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Samantha A. Burnett
City Attorney