

ORDINANCE NO. O 06-25-26-1

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BRUCEVILLE-EDDY, TEXAS, DESIGNATING COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE ROUTES WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF BRUCEVILLE-EDDY, TEXAS; PROVIDING DEFINITIONS; ESTABLISHING DESIGNATED COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE ROUTES; RESTRICTING OPERATION OF CERTAIN COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLES ON NON-DESIGNATED STREETS; ESTABLISHING SPECIFIC ACCESS RESTRICTIONS FOR INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL FACILITIES TO PRESERVE RESIDENTIAL STREETS; PROVIDING FOR TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES AND SIGNAGE; PROVIDING FOR EXCEPTIONS; PROVIDING FOR ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES; PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Bruceville-Eddy, Texas ("City"), finds that regulation of heavy commercial motor vehicle traffic within the municipal limits is necessary to protect the public health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the City; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council finds that excessive heavy commercial truck traffic on residential and non-designated municipal streets contributes to roadway deterioration, traffic congestion, noise, safety hazards to pedestrians and residents, and unnecessary strain on municipal infrastructure; and

**WHEREAS**, the City is intersected by Interstate Highway 35 (I-35), Interstate Highway 35 frontage roads, State Highway 7 (SH 7), and Farm to Market Road 107 (FM 107), which provide appropriate routes for commercial freight transportation; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council finds that restricting heavy commercial truck traffic from residential portions of Hungry Hill Road is necessary to preserve neighborhood safety, protect roadway infrastructure, and direct industrial and freight traffic to more appropriate designated access points;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRUCEVILLE-EDDY, TEXAS:**

**SECTION 1. TITLE**

This Ordinance shall be known and may be cited as the **City of Bruceville-Eddy Commercial Motor Vehicle Route Ordinance**.

**SECTION 2. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Ordinance is to:

1. Promote public safety;
2. Protect residential neighborhoods from heavy commercial truck traffic;
3. Preserve municipal roadways from excessive wear and damage;
4. Improve traffic flow and reduce congestion;
5. Establish designated commercial truck routes within the City; and
6. Regulate commercial motor vehicle access in a uniform, content-neutral, and enforceable manner.

### **SECTION 3. DEFINITIONS**

For purposes of this Ordinance, the following definitions shall apply:

#### **(A) Commercial Motor Vehicle (CMV)**

A motor vehicle or combination of vehicles operated in commerce for the transportation of property, freight, merchandise, equipment, or materials and meeting one or more of the following:

1. A gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) or gross combination weight rating (GCWR) of **26,001 pounds or greater**; or
2. A truck-tractor, semi-truck, tractor-trailer, semi-trailer combination, freight hauler, tanker truck, or similar heavy commercial freight vehicle used in interstate or intrastate commerce.

This definition does **not** include:

- passenger vehicles;
- light-duty pickup trucks;
- service vehicles under the weight threshold;
- privately owned non-commercial vehicles.
- Personal, non-business related transport.

#### **(B) Designated Commercial Motor Vehicle Route**

A roadway expressly designated by this Ordinance for lawful operation of Commercial Motor Vehicles.

#### **(C) Restricted Street**

Any public street, roadway, alley, or municipal right-of-way not expressly designated as a Commercial Motor Vehicle Route.

#### **(D) Local Delivery or Local Service Access**

Operation of a Commercial Motor Vehicle upon a Restricted Street solely for the purpose of making a direct pickup, delivery, service call, repair, construction activity, or lawful access to a property physically located on that Restricted Street where no reasonable designated route alternative exists.

### **SECTION 4. DESIGNATED COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE ROUTES**

The following roadways are designated as lawful Commercial Motor Vehicle Routes within the City:

#### **(A) Interstate Highway 35 (I-35)**

All through northbound and southbound commercial freight traffic shall utilize Interstate Highway 35 as the primary commercial transportation corridor.

### **(B) Interstate Highway 35 Frontage Roads**

Commercial Motor Vehicles may utilize frontage roads for lawful entry, exit, deliveries, or access to designated routes.

### **(C) Farm to Market Road 107 (FM 107)**

FM 107 is designated as a lawful east-west Commercial Motor Vehicle Route.

### **(D) State Highway 7 (SH 7)**

State Highway 7 is designated as a lawful east-west Commercial Motor Vehicle Route for commercial freight access and industrial traffic.

## **SECTION 5. RESTRICTED STREETS AND SPECIFIC ROUTING RESTRICTIONS**

### **(A) General Restriction**

Commercial Motor Vehicles are prohibited from operating on Restricted Streets unless expressly permitted by this Ordinance.

### **(B) Hungry Hill Road Restriction**

Commercial Motor Vehicles are prohibited from operating on the residential street portion of Hungry Hill Road, specifically the approximate **100 block through 400 block segment**, except as expressly authorized herein.

This restriction is adopted for:

- preservation of residential safety;
- protection of municipal roadway infrastructure;
- reduction of heavy freight traffic through residential neighborhoods.

### **(C) Industrial / Commercial Facility Access Restriction**

Commercial Motor Vehicles traveling to or from any industrial, freight, warehousing, distribution, chemical, agricultural supply, bulk material handling, or similar heavy commercial facility located adjacent to or accessible from State Highway 7 shall utilize ingress and egress via designated Commercial Motor Vehicle Routes, including State Highway 7, whenever such access is available.

Commercial Motor Vehicles serving such facilities shall be prohibited from utilizing the restricted residential portion of Hungry Hill Road for ingress or egress when designated access exists via State Highway 7 or another designated Commercial Motor Vehicle Route.

### **(D) Through Traffic Prohibited**

Commercial Motor Vehicles shall not utilize Hungry Hill Road or any Restricted Street as a bypass, shortcut, or alternate through route between designated Commercial Motor Vehicle Routes.

### **(E) Nearest Practical Route Requirement**

Commercial Motor Vehicles traveling to a lawful destination within the City shall utilize the nearest practical designated Commercial Motor Vehicle Route before entering a Restricted Street.

### **SECTION 6. EXCEPTIONS**

This Ordinance shall not apply to:

1. emergency vehicles;
2. police vehicles;
3. fire apparatus;
4. ambulances;
5. public utility vehicles while actively engaged in utility service;
6. government-owned vehicles performing official duties;
7. solid waste, refuse, recycling, or sanitation vehicles actively engaged in collection routes;
8. school buses engaged in school transportation;
9. construction vehicles directly serving a property located on a Restricted Street;
10. Commercial Motor Vehicles making lawful deliveries, pickups, or service calls on a Restricted Street where no practical designated route exists.
11. personal, non-business related transport.

### **SECTION 7. TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES AND SIGNAGE**

**(A)** The City is authorized to install and maintain traffic control devices, truck route signs, restriction signs, directional signage, and other traffic control measures necessary to implement this Ordinance.

**(B)** All signage shall comply with the Texas Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (TMUTCD), and where required, applicable approval or coordination with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) shall be obtained.

**(C)** Enforcement of routing restrictions requiring notice shall not occur unless appropriate signage has been installed.

### **SECTION 8. ENFORCEMENT**

**(A)** The Bruceville-Eddy Police Department and other authorized City personnel are authorized to enforce this Ordinance.

**(B)** A person commits an offense if the person:

1. Operates a Commercial Motor Vehicle on a Restricted Street in violation of this Ordinance;
2. Uses Hungry Hill Road in violation of the restrictions established herein;
3. Fails to obey a lawful truck route sign or traffic control device;
4. Uses a Restricted Street to circumvent designated truck routing requirements.

**SECTION 9. PENALTIES**

A person violating this Ordinance commits a misdemeanor offense punishable by a fine not to exceed **Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00)**.

Each separate occurrence shall constitute a separate offense.

**SECTION 10. REPEALER**

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict only.

**SECTION 11. SAVINGS CLAUSE**

Nothing in this Ordinance shall affect any pending enforcement action, prosecution, or legal proceeding existing prior to the effective date of this Ordinance.

**SECTION 12. SEVERABILITY**

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or provision of this Ordinance is held invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not affect the remaining portions, which shall remain in full force and effect.

The City Council declares that it would have adopted this Ordinance irrespective of the invalidity of any particular provision.

**SECTION 13. PUBLICATION**

The City Secretary shall publish the caption of this Ordinance as required by Texas law.

**SECTION 14. EFFECTIVE DATE**

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage and publication as required by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Bruceville-Eddy, Texas, on this the 25<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2026.

Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0

**APPROVED:**



Mayor Linda Owens  
City of Bruceville-Eddy, Texas

**ATTEST:**



Renee Flores, City Secretary  
City of Bruceville-Eddy, Texas

