

ORDINANCE NO. 163 OF 1972

By Mr. D'Artois:

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE USE OF
THE STREETS AND ALLEYS OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT BY
VEHICLES OR CONVEYANCES WHICH, WITH OR WITHOUT THE
CONTENTS THEREOF, EXCEED A CERTAIN HEIGHT, WIDTH, OR
LENGTH, BY REQUIRING SPECIAL PERMISSION FOR USE OF
SAID STREETS AND ALLEYS AND AN ESCORT BY POLICEMEN OF
THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA IN MOVING SUCH VEHICLES
OR CONVEYANCES WITHIN THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA, IN REGULAR AND LEGAL SESSION CONVENED,
THAT, HAVING RECEIVED WRITTEN APPROVAL BY THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF
HIGHWAYS PURSUANT TO LOUISIANA REVISED STATUTES, SECTION 32:41C, AND
UPON THE TAKING EFFECT OF THIS ORDINANCE, ITS PREDECESSOR, ORDINANCE
NO. 5 OF 1971, AND ALL REGULATIONS PROMULGATED PURSUANT THERETO SHALL
BE REPEALED AND SUPERSEDED BY THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA, IN REGULAR AND LEGAL SESSION CONVENED THAT

THE FOLLOWING RESTRICTIONS ON THE DIMENSIONS OF OVERSIZED VEHICLES SHALL APPLY TO ANY PERSON OR FIRM OPERATING ANY VEHICLE OR CONVEYANCE ON ANY OF THE STREETS OR ALLEYS WITHIN THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT, SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 9 HEREINBELOW:

SECTION 1: WIDTH OF VEHICLES.

No vehicle shall exceed a total outside width of ninety-six (96) inches except that the width of farm tractors shall not exceed nine (9) feet.

SECTION 2: PROJECTING LOADS ON PASSENGER VEHICLES.

No passenger type vehicle shall be operated on any street or highway of this city with any load thereon extending beyond the line of the fenders on the left side, or if the hub caps on its left side extend beyond the fenders on the left side, beyond the line of the hub caps, or extending more than six (6) inches beyond the line of the fenders or hub caps on the right side thereof, whichever is the farther extended.

SECTION 3: HEIGHT LIMITATIONS OF MOTOR VEHICLES.

(a) Motor vehicles, either loaded or unloaded, shall not exceed a height of thirteen (13) feet, six (6) inches.

(b) Nothing in this section shall be interpreted to require the city or any person, firm or corporation in the city to raise, alter, construct or reconstruct any overpass, wire, pole, trestle or other structure to provide the thirteen (13) feet, six (6) inch clearance.

SECTION 4: LENGTH LIMITATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES.

(a) No vehicle, including any load thereon, shall exceed a length of thirty-five (35) feet extreme overall dimensions, inclusive of front and rear bumpers, except that a bus or trackless

trolley coach equipped with three (3) axles shall not exceed an overall length, inclusive of front and rear bumpers, of forty (40) feet.

(b) No combination of truck-tractor and semi-trailer, loaded or unloaded, shall have an overall length, inclusive of front and rear bumpers, in excess of fifty-five (55) feet. No other combination of vehicles, loaded or unloaded, shall consist of more than two (2) units and shall not have an overall length, inclusive of front and rear bumpers, in excess of sixty-five (65) feet.

SECTION 5: SPECIAL LENGTH LIMITS.

Subject to the foregoing provisions of SECTION 4 limiting the length of vehicles and loads, the load upon any vehicle operated alone, or the load upon the front vehicle of the combination of vehicles, shall not extend more than four (4) feet beyond the foremost part of the vehicle; and the load upon any vehicle operated alone, or the load upon the rear vehicle of a combination of vehicles, shall not extend more than eight (8) feet beyond the rear of the bed or body of such vehicle.

SECTION 6: LOADS ON VEHICLES, CARE REQUIRED THERETO.

(a) No vehicle shall be driven or moved on any street or highway of this city unless such vehicle is so constructed or loaded as to prevent any of its load from dropping, sifting, leaking or otherwise escaping therefrom, except that sand may be dropped for the purpose of securing traction and water or other substance may be deposited on a street or highway for the purpose of cleaning or maintaining such street or highway.

(b) No person shall operate on any street or highway of this city any vehicle with any load unless said load and any covering thereon is securely fastened so as to prevent the covering or load from becoming loose, detached, or in any manner a hazard to other

users of the street or highway.

SECTION 7: TRAILERS AND TOWED VEHICLES.

(a) When one vehicle is towing another, the drawbar or other connection shall be of sufficient strength to pull all weight towed thereby, and the drawbar or other connection shall not exceed fifteen (15) feet in length from one vehicle to the other, except for the connection between any two vehicles transporting poles, pipe, machinery or other objects of a structural nature which cannot be readily dismembered.

(b) When one vehicle is towing another and the connection between them consists of a chain, rope or cable, there shall be displayed upon such connection a red flag or cloth not less than twelve (12) inches square. Between sunset and sunrise this signal shall be a red light, plainly visible under ordinary atmospheric conditions for a distance of at least five hundred (500) feet.

(c) When in transit from manufacturer to dealer, truck-tractors may be transported by the double saddle mount method of transportation consisting of a combination of three truck-tractors where the front axle of one truck-tractor is mounted on the fifth wheel of the lead truck-tractor, and the front axle of the third truck-tractor is mounted on the fifth wheel of the second truck-tractor; the rear wheels of the second and third truck-tractors trailing on the ground behind the operating motor unit. Conditioned that (1) no movement under the provisions hereof shall be permitted on Saturdays and legal holidays; (2) the combination of vehicles shall be equipped with necessary lights and signals in accordance with Louisiana law and Interstate Commerce Commission Safety Rules and Regulations; (3) the rear wheels of the second and third truck-tractors of the combination must be equipped with adequate splash guards or mud flaps; (4) it shall be unlawful to operate this combination of vehicles in excess of 45 miles per hour.

SECTION 8: WEIGHT LIMITATIONS OF MOTOR VEHICLES.

(a) No motor vehicle, trailer, semi-trailer, tandem semi-trailer or light trailer shall be operated on the public streets of this city with a gross weight on any one axle exceeding:

- (1) When the wheels attached to said axle are equipped with high pressure pneumatic, solid rubber or cushion tires, 16,000 pounds.
- (2) When the wheels attached to said axle are equipped with low pressure pneumatic tires, 18,000 pounds.

In this section an axle load means a total load on all wheels whose centers are included within two parallel transverse vertical planes not more than forty (40) inches apart.

In this section low pressure pneumatic tire means a tire designed for use and used when inflated with air to less than 100 pounds pressure. A high pressure pneumatic tire is one designed for use when inflated with air to 100 pounds or more.

(b) The total gross weight of any combination of truck-tra~~ctor~~, truck, semi-trailer or full trailer shall in no event exceed 73,280 pounds. The total gross weight of any trailer shall in no event exceed 36,000 pounds, regardless of the number of axles under it. Nor shall the total gross weight on the rear or load-carrying axle of a truck or semi-trailer exceed 18,000 pounds in any event. Nor shall in any event the total gross weight on the rear or load-carrying axles of a tandem truck or tandem semi-trailer exceed 32,000 pounds where these axles are less than eight (8) feet apart, nor exceed 36,000 pounds where they are more than eight (8) feet apart.

(c) No motor vehicle, trailer, semi-trailer or tandem semi-trailer shall be operated on any public street or highway inside the corporate limits of the city with a greater weight than 450 pounds per inch of tire upon any wheel concentrated upon the surface of any such street or highway.

(d) When, by reason of the condition of the weather or other emergency, or the physical condition of any public street or its recent construction, or the making of repairs thereto, the City Traffic Engineer deems it necessary, he may, for such time as is reasonable necessary to remedy the situation, prohibit the use of such street or specify lesser gross weights than those fixed in this section, pursuant to the recommendations of the City Street Repair Engineer in order to protect the public streets and the persons and property of the traveling public from unnecessary damage. Notice of such restrictions, prohibitions or weight reductions shall be given by the City Traffic Engineer by posters at the terminal of the street. However, failure to post such notice shall under no circumstances make either the city or any department or division thereof or any employees thereof liable for damages which may result because of such failure.

SECTION 9: PROCEDURES AND CONDITIONS.

Whenever it shall be necessary to transport a vehicle or conveyance which cannot be divided and which exceeds the total weight, width, height or length allowable under SECTIONS 1 through 8 of this ordinance, the owner or operator of such vehicle or conveyance shall apply to the City Traffic Engineer for special permission and a police escort to proceed through the City of Shreveport, except as provided differently in Subsections II and IV of this section. Such special permission shall be granted to any applicant who satisfies and agrees to abide by the conditions stipulated in this section, subject only to the discretion of the City Traffic Engineer regarding determination of routes, times of passage and speed limits for oversized vehicles proceeding through the city. The conditions attaching to every grant of such special permission shall be as follows:

I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

A. Fees and Billing:

Fees for police escort services shall be billed

On the first day of each month at the rate of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) per oversized vehicle or conveyance requiring escort. All amounts received in payment of police escort services shall be paid into the general fund of the Department of Public Safety of the City of Shreveport. All billing will be handled by the Traffic Engineering Department.

B. Government Agencies.

Escort cost shall not be collected from federal or state agencies or political subdivisions thereof operating their own equipment. Vehicles in this category shall display a Federal or State License or Identification Number.

C. Procedure for Obtaining Required Permission:

1. Except as provided differently in Subsections II and IV of this section, each applicant shall contact the Traffic Engineering Department and shall obtain verbal authorization to transport, move and/or haul an overweight, overwidth, overheight or over length vehicle or conveyance upon furnishing the information required by the Traffic Engineering Department. The furnished information and the verbal authorization, if granted, shall be recorded in the Desk Log Book kept by that department.
2. Upon receiving verbal authorization, the applicant must wait until contacted by the assigned escort unit before proceeding within the city limits.

D. All costs incident to the movement, such as telephone calls, telegrams, etc., shall be borne by the applicant.

E. A vehicle or combination of vehicles, when operating under this authority, unless otherwise stated, shall not:

1. Travel or operate on Sundays or holidays.
 2. Travel or operate during peak traffic hours.
 3. Travel or operate during hours of darkness or inclement weather.
 4. Travel or operate through a tunnel.
 5. Travel or operate on any part of the National System of Interstate and defense highways when the vehicle or combination of vehicles is so designed and/or loaded that:
 - (a) The width exceeds twelve (12) feet.
 - (b) The speed of said vehicle(s) is or will be less than twenty (20) miles per hour or less than the minimum posted speed.
 6. Impede normal flow of traffic whenever possible.
 7. Infringe upon the opposite bound lane.
 8. Be left parked on the main traveled portion of a street.
 9. Operate at a speed in excess of the maximum speed authorized. (The speed limit may be less, but never more, than forty-five miles per hour).
- F. A vehicle or combination of vehicles, when operating under this authority, shall:
1. Be licensed in accordance with the Louisiana Statutes or relevant reciprocal agreement.
 2. Display warning flags (red in color and a minimum of eighteen (18) inches square) on all overlength and overwidth movements. Flags shall be displayed on all four corners of the vehicle or conveyance.

(NOTE: Escorting authority may require display of flags as deemed necessary when the above is is not practical.)
 3. Comply with all statutory provisions, except those waived by this ordinance, including state required oversize permits.

- G. The applicant agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the City of Shreveport and its duly appointed agents and employees from and against any claim or action for personal injury or property damage sustained by reason of the enforcement of this ordinance.
- H. When overall widths exceed fourteen (14) feet, provisions in SECTION IV, HOUSE MOVEMENTS, shall apply.
- I. Permission shall not be furnished to allow a vehicle to travel over a street when the overall height conflicts with bridge superstructures, overpasses, overhead pipelines, overhead wires and lines, and/or any other overhead structure, until arrangements have been made between the owners of movable obstructions and the owners or their representatives to pay for the cost of moving the obstructions.

II. EXEMPT VEHICLES AND CONVEYANCES

- A. All vehicles, conveyances, and combinations thereof which exceed the limitations established in SECTIONS 1 through 8 of this ordinance shall conform to all state provisions and requirements affecting oversized vehicles as set out in Louisiana Revised Statutes, Sections 32:381 through 32:389 and regulations promulgated thereto.
- B. When the overall width of a vehicle, conveyance, or combination thereof exceeds eight (8) feet, but does not exceed twelve (12) feet, a state-issued oversize permit shall suffice in lieu of the special permission of the City Traffic Engineer, nor shall a city police escort be necessary in such circumstance.
- C. When the overall length of a house trailer (mobile home) exceeds the limitations set out in SECTION 4 of this ordinance, but does not exceed eighty-five (85) feet, a

state-issued oversize permit shall suffice in lieu of the special permission of the City Traffic Engineer, nor shall a city police escort be necessary in such circumstance.

III. HOUSE TRAILERS (MOBILE HOMES):

- A. All general provisions (SECTION 9(I)) shall apply, and the following additional requirements shall apply to the movement of house trailers (mobile homes).
- B. The towing vehicle shall have a manufacturer's rating of 1 1/2 ton capacity or larger and shall be equipped with dual-mounted tires on the drive axle for movement of 12 feet and 14 feet wide mobile homes. Movements of mobile homes ten (10) feet wide or larger shall have a towing vehicle with 3/4 ton capacity or larger.
- C. Movers of house trailers ten (10) feet wide or larger shall display a sign on the front of the truck and the rear of the house trailer with the wording "OVERSIZE LOAD" which sign must be at least sixty (60) inches long, twelve (12) inches high, and four (4) inches wide. The background of the sign shall be yellow in color and the lettering shall be black.
- D. The towing vehicle shall be equipped with two (2) rear-view mirrors, one on each side, in order to see the rear. To meet this requirement, the towing vehicle's mirrors shall not be included in the overall width of the movement.

IV. HOUSE MOVEMENTS

- A. All general provisions (SECTION 9(I)) shall apply, except as provided differently in this subsection.
- B. Application procedure regarding house movements:
 - 1. The applicant shall submit a completed application form in sufficient time prior to the date of movement

for the purpose of allowing:

- (a) The City Traffic Engineer or his representative to inspect the house and the requested route and thereafter submit a completed inspection report to the Traffic Engineer. The purpose of such inspection is to determine whether the proposed movement can be made safely so as not to create undue hazards or hardships to the motoring public.
- (b) Sufficient time for advance notification to the nearest Station Agent of any railroad the grade crossings of which intersect the requested route so that proper protection of the motoring public at any crossings may be provided.

- 2. Before approval of any application, the applicant must have obtained the appropriate permit issued by the Building Department of the City of Shreveport.
- 3. If the application is approved, it shall be the City Traffic Engineer's responsibility to issue a written permit to that effect and to designate the time and date of the movement.
- 4. All house movements shall be carried out between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 6:00 A.M.
- 5. At least two escort vehicles shall be required for each house movement.
- 6. At least two off-duty policemen shall be retained, at the applicant's expense, to escort each house movement.
- 7. If the movement requires the removal of private property, such as mail boxes, newspaper boxes, trees, fences or other similar structures, the applicant shall satisfy

the City Traffic Engineer that approval has been received from the owners.

V. POLICE ESCORTS

A. General Escort Procedures

1. Speed limit for the escorted load shall be determined by the City Traffic Engineer and in no event shall exceed forty-five (45) miles per hour. The speed limit shall be complied with by the escorted vehicle.
2. Movement shall be made on those streets designated. Alternate routes shall not be used unless approved by the City Traffic Engineer.
3. Movement shall be made on dates and/or during times scheduled.
4. Movement shall not be made during inclement weather (rain, fog, etc.).
5. Escorted movements shall not impede the normal flow of traffic whenever possible. The police escort shall cause the movement to be moved and halted onto the shoulder whenever vehicular traffic to the rear is congested. The movement shall remain off the main-traveled portion of the roadway until traffic has cleared. Movement may then continue until congestion recurs.
6. The oversized load shall travel as near the right side of the roadway as is safely possible to insure that traffic will be able to pass safely. The escort and escorted load shall not infringe upon the opposite bound lane whenever possible.
7. An escorted movement approaching any bridge structure, which cannot be traversed in safety because of inability to distinguish potential hazards by sight, shall be parked (off the roadway where possible) and the escort vehicle

shall proceed across said bridge (hill or incline).

Adequate time shall be allotted to allow the escort vehicle to stop on-coming traffic before the oversized movement traverses said bridge, hill or incline.

8. Escort vehicles and escorted movements shall observe all traffic control devices.
9. The escort vehicle shall maintain a sufficient distance from the movement to warn oncoming traffic of the potential danger, but not so far as to hinder control over the movement.
10. The operator of the escort vehicle will insure that the oversize movement is not allowed to park on the main-traveled portion of the street unless absolutely necessary as in a case of an extreme emergency. Whenever the combination is parked on the right of way, it shall be adequately protected by flares, flags, flagmen, etc.
11. Escorting two or more overwidth loads with one escort vehicle shall not be allowed.
12. Escorting two or more overlength loads with one escort vehicle shall not be allowed.
13. Private escorts retained by the owner or operator of any oversized vehicle or conveyance may follow behind the escorted vehicle or conveyance within the City of Shreveport.

SECTION 10: PENALTY

Penalties for violation of this ordinance shall be determined in accordance with the general penalty provisions found in Section 1-7 of the Code of the City of Shreveport.

September 26, 1972 - read by title and as read, passed first reading by the following vote: Ayes; mayor Allen, Commissioners Burton, D'Artois, Collins and Hathaway 5. Nays: None.

October 10, 1972 - Having passed first reading on September 26, 1972, was read by title and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read, adopted by the following vote: Ayes; Mayor Allen, Commissioners Burton, D'Artois, Collins and Hathaway 5. Nays: None.

Gladys S. Witte
Clerk of Council

Allen J.
Mayor

James D. Jones
Secretary-Treasurer

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED AT AN MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OFFICIALLY SIGNED <u>October 17, 1972</u> <u>Gladys S. Witte</u> Clerk Of Council
