

**TITLE VII: TRAFFIC CODE**

Chapter

**70. TRUCK ROUTES**



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### **70.01 DEFINITIONS.**

For the purpose of this chapter, the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

**IMPLEMENT OF HUSBANDRY.** Every vehicle which is designed for agricultural purpose and exclusively used by the owner thereof in the conduct of agricultural operations.

**PERSON.** Includes an agency, company, organization, firm, association, partnership, joint venture, corporation, trust or equivalent entity or a combination of any of them as well as a natural person.

**ROAD.** Any street, highway or route within the Big Rapids Charter Township.

**SEMI-TRAILER.** Every vehicle with or without motive power, designed for carrying persons or property and for being drawn by a motor vehicle and so constructed that some part of its weight and that of its load rests upon or is carried by some other vehicle.

**TRAILER.** Every vehicle with or without motive power, designed for carrying persons or property and for being drawn by a motor vehicle and so constructed that no part of its weight rests upon the towing vehicle.

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**TRUCK.** Every motor vehicle which is designed, used or maintained primarily for the transportation of property, except a pick-up truck or a van designed so as to carry loads of no more than one ton.

**TRUCK TRACTOR.** Every motor vehicle designed primarily for drawing other vehicles, and not so constructed as to carry a load other than a part of the weight of vehicle and load so drawn.  
(Ord. 22, passed 5-6-1997)

**70.02 RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.**

Any word or term not defined herein shall be considered to be defined in accordance with its common or standard definition.  
(Ord. 22, passed 5-6-1997)

**70.03 TRUCK ROUTES.**

The following roads in the township, to the exclusion of all other roads, are hereby designated as truck routes and classified for truck traffic:

- (A) 220th Avenue from Woodward Avenue south to a point one-half mile south of 15 Mile Road;
- (B) 13 Mile Road from the Mecosta County line east to 205th Avenue;
- (C) 205th Avenue from 13 Mile Road to 15 Mile Road;
- (D) Arthur Road from 205th Avenue east to Northland Drive;
- (E) Northland Drive from 12 Mile Road north to 18 Mile Road;
- (F) 16 Mile Road from Big Rapids city limit to 180th Avenue;
- (G) U.S. 131 Expressway;
- (H) Route M-20;
- (I) 14 Mile Road from Northland Drive to 190th Avenue; and
- (J) Old Millpond Road from Taft Road to 15 Mile Road.

(Ord. 22, passed 5-6-1997)

**70.04 PROHIBITION AGAINST TRAVEL ON OTHER THAN TRUCK ROUTES.**

Except as expressly permitted under this chapter, no person shall operate a truck or truck-tractor and semi-trailer or truck-tractor and trailer combination, or track and trailer combination, in the township on any road other than a designated truck route.

(Ord. 22, passed 5-6-1997) Penalty, see 70.99

**70.05 EXEMPTIONS.**

The truck route limitations prescribed in this chapter shall not apply to:

(A) Fire trucks or other emergency vehicles or vehicle on emergency business involved in the saving of life or property;

(B) Implements of husbandry incidentally moved upon a road;

(C) Road repair, construction or maintenance vehicles while involved in the repair, construction or maintenance of roads within the township; or

(D) Garbage service vehicles while involved in the provision of services to residents of the township.  
(Ord. 22, passed 5-6-1997)

**70.06 PICK-UPS, DELIVERIES, SERVICE CALLS.**

A vehicle which would otherwise be restricted to truck routes and which is being used to make pick-ups, deliveries or service calls in the township on roads other than designated truck routes shall restrict its travel to a minimum and shall not be driven or moved on other than truck routes except when being used to make pick-ups, deliveries or service calls within the township. Said vehicle shall be driven in such a manner as to leave a permitted truck route and proceed to its destination or destinations in the township by the most direct route. Upon completion of the pick-ups, deliveries or service calls, the vehicle shall return to the nearest permitted truck route or leave the township by the most direct route. This section shall not be interpreted as permitting a vehicle otherwise restricted to a truck route from entering or leaving the township by other than a truck route.

(Ord. 22, passed 5-6-1997) Penalty, see 70.99

**70.07 LEAVING OR RETURNING TO HOME OR PLACE OF BUSINESS.**

Nothing herein contained shall prevent a truck or truck-tractor and semi-trailer, or truck-tractor and trailer combination, or truck and trailer combination from leaving or returning to its customary storage

location at the owner or operators personal residence, or a commercial or industrial location in the township, provided the most direct route to and from a designated truck route is utilized.

(Ord. 22, passed 5-6-1997)

#### **70.08 SPECIAL PERMITS.**

The Township Supervisor shall have authority to grant a written permit in special cases which would otherwise be in violation of the provisions of this chapter. Such permits, however, shall not be given for more than one round trip and in no case shall a permit be valid for a longer period than ten days from the date of issue. Said permit shall describe the vehicle, the time and date of travel, and the route to be taken by the vehicle. The Township Board shall, by resolution, grant written special permits for longer periods of time for special projects or in conjunction with special use permits granted by the Township Zoning Board. The Township Board shall, by resolution, set fees for such special permits.

(Ord. 22, passed 5-6-1997)

#### **70.09 SIGNS.**

The Township Board shall procure and have posted appropriate signs along the designated truck routes as required by the laws of the state.

(Ord. 22, passed 5-6-1997)

#### **70.10 ADMINISTRATIVE LIABILITY.**

No officer, agent or employee of the township, or member of the Township Board shall render himself or herself personally liable for any damage that may accrue to any person as a result of any act, decision or other consequence or occurrence arising out of the discharge of his or her duties and responsibilities pursuant to this chapter.

(Ord. 22, passed 5-6-1997)

#### **70.99 PENALTY.**

Any person who violates any provision of this chapter shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined an amount as set by the Township Board from time to time or shall be imprisoned in the county jail for not more than 90 days or both such fine and imprisonment at the discretion of the court.

(Ord. 22, passed 5-6-1997)