

Strategy 1: Establishing Truck Route Ordinance

Background

Currently the City's only method to designate where truck traffic should be is in placing signs, which is a limited tool in establishing truck routes and truck restrictions. This has also made it difficult for law and other enforcement functions to promote effective truck routing. Local communities and neighborhoods have long voiced having a trucking ordinance as a priority, and the ordinance allows the City to state its intention for truck routing and truck restrictions on its streets, to establish penalties for non-compliance, designate a process for amending truck routes, and other important considerations.

Objectives

- Confirm the legal foundation for enforcing truck routes and the movement of trucks within city limits and establish penalties for non-compliance
- Continue to allow for effective movement of trucks, freight, deliveries and economy throughout the city while also avoiding unreasonable or unnecessary disturbance or reduction in property values due to truck noise, vibration, and/or air pollution
- Ensure there is a transparent and accessible process for residents to request or propose truck routes or truck restrictions

Implementation Steps

1	City Council member will issue a memo to the Law Department requesting them to start drafting an ordinance	City Council District 6
2	A draft version of the ordinance will be developed for public review and discussion	City Council District 6, DPW, Law Department
3	Community engagement will be conducted around ordinance language and components to ensure it is ready to move toward finalization and adoption	City Council Districts, DPW
4	When the ordinance is in a close-to-final version, the revised ordinance will be finalized to be "Approved as to Form" by Law Department	City Council District 6, Law Department
5	Committee + City Council will request a Fiscal Impact Statement be developed	City Council District 6, OCFO
6	Public Health and Safety (PHS) Standing committee will hold a Public Hearing on the ordinance, providing an opportunity for the public to voice support or concerns. Final changes will be made to the proposed ordinance to reflect the results of the public hearing	City Council (via Public Health and Safety Committee), Law Department
7	The final ordinance version will move to Formal Session for a final vote from City Council	City Council

Schedule

- Draft ordinance ready for community engagement: by May 2025
- Ordinance moved to Formal Session for final vote from City Council: by July 2025 (end of City Council summer session)

Cost and Feasibility

The majority of the costs associated with this strategy are existing staff hours, making this highly feasible to accomplish. The major risks associated with accomplishing this strategy are that City Council is not able to come to final agreement and enact the ordinance.

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