ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING LIMITATIONS OF TRACTOR-TRAILER COMBINATION VEHICLES OPERATED UPON TOWN STREETS; PROHIBITING THE OPERATION OF CERTAIN MOTOR VEHICLES UPON TOWN STREETS; DESIGNATING TRUCK ROUTES; CONTAINING OTHER PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE SUBJECT; PROVIDING A PENALTY OF AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $500 FOR EACH VIOLATION OF ANY PROVISION HEREOF; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES OR PARTS THEREOF.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LYNN, ALABAMA:

**{ Section 1. Definitions}**

When used in this Ordinance, the following words and phrases shall mean as follows:

**{Commercial Motor Vehicle (CMV)** if it:

* Has a **gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR)** or **gross combination weight rating (GCWR)** of **10,001 pounds or more**
* Is designed or used to transport **more than 8 passengers** (including the driver) **for compensation**
* Is designed or used to transport **more than 15 passengers** (including the driver) **without compensation**
* Is used to transport **hazardous materials** requiring placards}

{🏢 **Business Use Criteria**  
A vehicle may also be classified as commercial if it:

* Is **registered or titled to a company or corporation**
* Is **used for business**, even if owned by an individual (e.g., sole proprietors)
* Is **leased** and titled under a financial institution
* Exceeds certain **weight classifications**, even if not used commercially}

{A **motor vehicle** is typically defined as a **self-propelled vehicle designed for use on roads**, powered by an engine or motor, and not operated on rails.}

{A **semitrailer** is a type of freight trailer that’s designed to be **partially supported by a towing vehicle**, typically a truck tractor. It doesn’t have front wheels of its own—instead, the **forward end rests on the tractor’s fifth wheel coupling**, while the rear end is supported by its own wheels.}

{A **trailer** is a **non-motorized vehicle designed to be towed by another vehicle**, typically for transporting goods, equipment, or even serving as a mobile dwelling. The term can refer to several distinct types depending on context.}

{A **vehicle** is broadly defined as any **means of transporting people or goods**, especially on land, and typically powered by an engine or motor. But the term has several nuanced meanings depending on context.}

{A **tractor trailer** is a type of large transport vehicle made up of two main parts:}

{🚚 **Tractor (or Cab)**

* The front portion that contains the engine and driver's compartment
* Provides the power and control for the entire unit
* Often referred to as a **semi-truck**, **big rig**, or **18-wheeler}**

{🛻 **Trailer**

* The rear portion designed to carry cargo
* Has no front wheels or engine—relies on the tractor for movement
* Can be detached and swapped between tractors}

{🔗 **Combined Unit**  
When connected, the tractor and trailer form a **tractor trailer**, also known as a **semi-trailer truck**. This setup is widely used in freight transportation due to its ability to haul heavy loads efficiently over long distances.}

**{Local delivery** shall be defined as deliveries made exclusively to the following street segments within town limits. Deliveries outside these specified ranges are **not considered local delivery**:}

| **Street Name** | **Address Range** |
| --- | --- |
| East Main Street | 4–1296 |
| West Main Street | 23–1860 |
| Long Street | 125–1026 |
| Dodd Street | 4–256 |
| Rose Street | 16–276 |
| Vanderford Road | 150–508 |
| Barton Road | 6–79 |
| 2nd Street | 42–403 |
| 3rd Street | 3–564 |

{All delivery destinations **outside of these specified roadways and address ranges** shall not be classified as local delivery for the purposes of traffic routing, enforcement, or regulatory exceptions.}

**Section 2. Prohibited vehicles**

It shall be unlawful for any person to operate or cause to be operated, upon a town street, any vehicle which has lugs, studs, cleats, ridges, beads, or any other protuberance of metal which project more than one-fourth inch (1/4") beyond the tread or traction surface of such vehicle's tires or tracks, unless bands, wooden blocks, skids, or other devices are provided which are sufficient to protect the street surface from damage by reason thereof.

{🚫 Restricted Truck Route Ordinance

It shall be **unlawful** for any **semi-truck and trailer** or **tractor trailer** with the following weight specifications to operate **outside the designated truck route**, unless making a delivery within the pre-defined local delivery area:

* **Loaded Weight**: Approximately **±80,000 pounds**
* **Unloaded Weight**: Approximately **±39,000 pounds}**

{🛑 **Exceptions**  
This restriction does **not** apply when:

* The vehicle is making a delivery to an address **within the authorized local delivery area**, as defined by specific street segments and address ranges}

**Section 3. Exemptions**

The provisions of this ordinance shall not apply to:

Any vehicle operated by the town or a private operator under contract with the town.

Any vehicle operated by the town, or a private contractor under contract with the town, while engaged in street maintenance, construction, or related activities. Any vehicle owned by a public utility while necessarily in use in the construction, installation, or repair of any public utility facility.

Emergency vehicles of the town or bona fide emergency vehicles from another entity.

Homeowners who prior to the enactment of this ordinance are independent truck owners or those who are drivers for another trucking company; provided, however, they shall only use the most direct route to their home and if they carry a load and park at their home.

{Any tractor-trailer combination making a local delivery in the pre-designated area.}

**Section 4. Truck routes**

It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a motor vehicle, trailer, semi-trailer, or combination thereof upon a street or roadway within the town except upon the following truck routes: All state highways and farm-to-market roads. County Road 1 to East Main Street then south to the railroad tracks onto West Main Street to Alabama Highway 5.

**Section 5. Signs**

The Street Department shall erect appropriate signs and markings advising motorists of the prohibited roads, and streets and truck routes established by this Ordinance.

**Section 6. Penalty**

Any person who shall violate any provision of this Ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be fined in an amount not to exceed $500. Each violation shall constitute a separate offense.

**Section 7. Repealed**

All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent or in conflict herewith are, to the extent of such inconsistency or conflict, hereby repealed.

**Section 8. Effectiveness**

This ordinance shall go into effect and be fully enforced the following day upon its passage by the Lynn Town Council.

**Section 9. Severability**

In the event any clause, phrase, provision, sentence, or part of this Ordinance or the application of the same to any person or circumstance shall for any reason be adjudged invalid or held unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, it shall not affect, impair, or invalidate this Ordinance as a whole or any part or provision hereof other than the part declared to be invalid or unconstitutional; and the Town council of the Town of Lynn, Alabama, declares that it would have passed each and every part of the same notwithstanding the omission of any such part thus declared to be invalid or unconstitutional, whether there be one or more parts.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by a vote of \_\_\_\_\_ "ayes" in favor and \_\_\_\_ "no's" against on this the\_\_\_\_\_\_ day of\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_.

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Mayor

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Town Clerk

{Amended on 7/10/2025}