

CITY OF BEAUMONT, CALIFORNIA

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEAUMONT, CALIFORNIA ADDING A NEW CHAPTER 10.52 TO THE BEAUMONT MUNICIPAL CODE CONTAINING TRUCK RESTRICTIONS TO DESIGNATED STREETS WITHIN CITY LIMITS CONSISTENT WITH CALIFORNIA VEHICLE CODE SECTION 35701

WHEREAS, California Vehicle Code Section 35701 authorizes the City of Beaumont (“City”) to adopt ordinances prohibiting the use of streets by certain vehicles exceeding a specified weight when alternate routes have been provided.

WHEREAS, the City of Beaumont may prohibit any commercial vehicle exceeding a certain manufacturer’s gross vehicle weight rating, subject to certain exemptions, from using certain roadways consistent with the City’s Policy on Land Use and Sensitive Receptors (PLUS Policy) adopted on March 4, 2025.

WHEREAS, the purpose of this ordinance is to enhance traffic safety, reduce roadway maintenance costs, and preserve the residential and community character of designated streets by prohibiting the use of certain City streets by trucks exceeding 14,000 pounds or seven (7) tons gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR), consistent with the requirements of the California Vehicle Code (CVC) and the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans).

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEAUMONT, RIVERSIDE COUNTY, STATE OF CALIFORNIA AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. CEQA. The City Council finds that the actions contemplated by this Ordinance are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) pursuant to 15061(b)(3), CEQA review is not required because there is no possibility that this Ordinance may have a significant effect upon the environment.

SECTION 2. Severability. The City Council hereby declares that if any provision, section, paragraph, sentence, or word of this Ordinance is rendered or declared to be invalid or unconstitutional by any final court action in a court of competent jurisdiction, or by reason of any preemptive legislation, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions, sections, paragraphs, sentences, or words of this Ordinance, and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance are severable. The City Council declares that it would have adopted this Ordinance irrespective of the invalidity of any particular portion thereof and intends that the invalid portions should be severed and the balance of the Ordinance enforced.

SECTION 3. Prosecution of Prior Ordinances. Neither the adoption of this Ordinance nor the repeal of any other ordinance of this City shall in any manner affect the prosecution of any violation of any City ordinance or provision of the City of Beaumont Municipal Code, committed prior to the effective date hereof, nor be construed as a waiver of any penalty or the penal provisions applicable to any violation thereof.

SECTION 4. The City Council hereby amends Title 10 of the Beaumont Municipal Code, to add a new Chapter 10.52 to read as specifically set forth in Exhibit “A”.

SECTION 5. Effective Date and Publication. The Mayor shall sign and the City Clerk shall certify to the passage of this Ordinance and cause the same or a summary thereof to be published within 15 days after adoption in accordance with Government Code Section 36933. This Ordinance shall take effect 30 days after adoption in accordance with Government Code Section 36937.

INTRODUCED AND READ for the first time and ordered posted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Beaumont, California, held on the ____ day of _____, 2025, by the following roll call vote:

AYES:
NOES
ABSENT
ABSTAIN

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Beaumont, California, held on the ____ day of _____, 2025.

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

Mike Lara, Mayor

Attest: _____
 , City Clerk

Approved as to form:

John O. Pinkney, City Attorney

EXHIBIT “A”

10.52.010 - Purpose and intent. The purpose of this Chapter is to enhance traffic safety, reduce roadway maintenance costs, and preserve the residential and community character of designated streets by prohibiting the use of certain City streets by trucks exceeding 14,000 pounds or seven (7) tons gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR), consistent with the requirements of the California Vehicle Code (CVC) and the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans).

10.52.020 - Definitions. The following words and phrases when used in this Chapter shall have the definitions respectively ascribed to them in this Section. Whenever any words or phrases used in this Chapter are not defined but are defined in the California Vehicle Code and amendments thereto, such definitions shall apply.

- A. For the purposes of this Chapter the word “Truck” means any commercial vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) in excess of seven tons (14,000 pounds), except those vehicles expressly exempted in this Chapter.
- B. The word “GVWR” means Gross Vehicle Weight Rating as defined in the California Vehicle Code.

10.52.030 – Prohibition. The operation of any truck exceeding a GVWR of 7 tons (14,000 pounds) is hereby prohibited on the following streets, in whole or in part, within the City of Beaumont:

1. **6th Street**, between Viele Avenue and Pennsylvania Avenue
2. **California Avenue**, between Luis Estrada Road and the northern City limit
3. **4th Street**, between Elm Avenue and California Avenue
4. **Pennsylvania Avenue**, between Interstate 10 and the northern City limit
5. **Oak Valley Parkway**, between Beaumont Avenue and the eastern City limit
6. **Highland Springs Avenue**, between Interstate 10 and northern City limit
7. **Beaumont Avenue**, between Interstate 10 and Oak Valley Parkway
8. All local roads that primarily serve residential communities

10.52.030 – Exceptions. The provisions of this Chapter shall not apply to trucks performing local deliveries or local pickups to or from destinations located on the restricted streets, provided no reasonable alternative route exists; trucks owned or operated by a public utility, public agency, or municipality engaged in construction, maintenance, or emergency operations; emergency vehicles as defined under California law; transit vehicles, including buses operated by

public transit agencies; or garbage collection, postal service, and other essential municipal service vehicles.

10.52.040. Signage. Appropriate signage indicating the truck restrictions in this Chapter shall be installed by the City at all affected street entrances to provide notice to drivers, in accordance with Caltrans and California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CA MUTCD) standards. Enforcement of the prohibition shall commence upon installation of said signage.

10.52.050 - Violation—Penalty.

In the discretion of the Enforcement Officer, any person violating the provisions of this Chapter 10.52 shall be issued an administrative citation pursuant to Beaumont Municipal Code Sections 1.17.200 et seq., or shall be guilty of an infraction pursuant to Beaumont Municipal Code Section 1.16.010. In either case, the amount of the fine shall be in the appropriate amount set forth in Section 1.16.030 of this Code. Each such violation shall be deemed a separate offense as specified in Beaumont Municipal Code Section 1.16.040.