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Jackson Street Truck Route Enforcement

DUBUQUE, Iowa – The Dubuque Police Department is increasing its truck route enforcement efforts, specifically on Jackson Street between 7th and 11th Streets. Trucks using this and other non-truck routes within Dubuque may be ticketed/fined a minimum of \$100.

The purpose of truck routes within cities is to provide the safest route for the movement of large vehicles, to support local and regional commerce, and to provide enough capacity and adequate design features to accommodate the anticipated volume, size and weight of vehicles.

The City of Dubuque established a truck route system to limit truck traffic on local streets, as well as other non-truck route arterial streets. Truck use on non-truck route roadways is authorized only when no alternative exists. The truck route network is intended to concentrate truck traffic to the state highways and designated City streets to better accommodate truck turning movements, facilitate truck route enforcement, protect residential areas from unnecessary truck traffic, and protect the safety of drivers and pedestrians.

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CITY OF DUBUQUE CODE 9-16-321.901: MOTOR TRUCK ROUTES:

- A. Motor trucks registered for a gross weight limit exceeding ten thousand (10,000) pounds (5 tons) shall travel over marked highways when operating in the city and shall not depart from such marked highways, except that any motor truck whose destination is in the city may depart from such highway at that point on the highway nearest to its destination and then proceed directly to such destination.
- B. Motor trucks whose trips originate within the city shall travel by the most direct route to that point on a marked highway nearest to such point of origin.
- C. Motor trucks entering the city on an unmarked highway shall proceed to the nearest marked highway by the most direct route and then proceed to their destination, except when the destination lies between the point of entry into the city and the marked highway.
- D. The city manager is authorized to designate and establish by appropriate signs alternate motor truck routes and to post signs limiting motor trucks registered with a gross weight limit exceeding ten thousand (10,000) pounds (5 tons) from operating on nonhighway streets.
- E. The provisions of this section governing the travel of motor trucks on residential streets shall not apply to public or private carriers of passengers on tour, fixed demand response, or dial-a-ride routes or school or church buses. (Ord. 44-08, 6-16-2008)