

TOWN OF RUSTON

ORDINANCE No. 1311

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF RUSTON, PIERCE COUNTY,
WASHINGTON, ESTABLISHING MAXIMUM LOAD LIMITS UPON
NONARTERIAL STREETS

WHEREAS, local authorities are authorized by RCW 46.44.080 to prohibit the operation of motor trucks, tractor trailers or other vehicles and to impose limits as to their weight under certain circumstances, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Ruston desires to limit the type of traffic allowed to pass through residential neighborhoods and zoning districts by prohibiting commercial trucks and trailers from using nonarterial and other residential streets;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF RUSTON, WASHINGTON:

Section 1. Weight Restrictions. No person shall operate a vehicle except authorized emergency vehicles, buses or stages exceeding seven thousand pounds (7,000) empty weight upon Baltimore Street, or upon any street that is not designated an arterial street; provided, that this section shall not prohibit necessary local operations on such nonarterial streets for the purpose of reaching the vehicle's destination or for a pickup or delivery.


Section 2 Signage. In accordance with RCW 46.61.450, the Town of Ruston shall cause suitable signs stating maximum gross weight to be erected and maintained as directed by the Town Engineer.

Section 3 Penalty. Pursuant to RCW 46.63.020 and 46.63.110, a violation of RCW 46.61.450 is designated as a traffic infraction punishable by a monetary penalty. In the event that the State Supreme Court fails to prescribe a penalty for violation of RCW 46.61.450 pursuant to RCW 46.63.110(2), a violation of the weight and size restrictions herein shall be punished by a penalty in an amount equal to that established by the State Supreme Court for infraction rules for courts of limited jurisdiction, Rule 6.2 (monetary penalty schedule for traffic infractions), as now or hereafter amended, for violations of posted road restrictions.

Section 4. Authority. Nothing contained in this ordinance shall be read to limit or reduce the authority of the Town of Ruston or other appropriate authority authorized by law from placing temporary weight restrictions, or from closing any road in the Town of

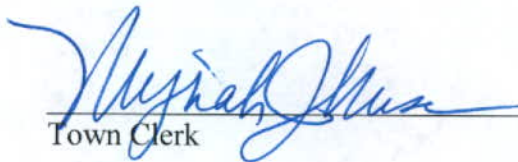
Ruston due to emergencies.

ENACTED by the Town Council, approved by the Mayor, and attested by the Town Clerk this 17th day of May, 2010.



Bruce Hopkins, Mayor

ATTEST:



Town Clerk