

CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO
ORDINANCE NO. 11
SERIES OF 2020

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO AMENDING
CHAPTER 8, ARTICLE I OF THE RIFLE MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROVIDE
FOR THE DESIGNATION AND REGULATION OF TRUCK ROUTES IN
THE CITY.

WHEREAS, the City of Rifle (“Rifle” or the “City”) is a home-rule municipality organized pursuant to Article XX of the Colorado Constitution and with the authority of the Rifle Home Rule Charter; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 8, Article I of the City of Rifle Municipal Code (the “Code”) adopts by reference the 2020 Edition of the Model Traffic Code, with local amendments; and

WHEREAS, City staff has determined that the current Code provisions require additional amendment to designate and better regulate and enforce truck routes through the City; and

WHEREAS, Section 111(g) of the Model Traffic Code provides for “designating truck routes and restricting the use of highways, consistent with the provisions of this article”; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds and determines that the following amendments to Chapter 8, Article I of the Code are in the best interest of the public health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Rifle.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO, ORDAINS THAT:

1. The foregoing recitals are incorporated by reference as findings and determinations of the City Council.

2. Section 8-1-270 of the Rifle Municipal Code is hereby enacted as follows:

Part 5 of the adopted code is amended by the addition of a new Section 513, to read as follows:

513. Restricted Use of Streets – Truck Routes.

(1) The use of certain streets and roadways may be restricted or prohibited when official signs giving notice thereof are erected as authorized by this Code.

(2) Definitions.

(a) *Truck* shall mean any motor vehicle equipped with a body designed to carry property and which is generally and commonly used to carry and transport property over the public highways, but shall not include pickup trucks.

(3) Truck Routes Established

(a) The City of Rifle hereby adopts a designated Truck route as follows:

(i) Colorado State Highway 13 and the Colorado State Highway 13 bypass;
and

(ii) Colorado State Highway 6.

(b) All Trucks shall utilize only the Truck routes described in subsection (a), and no other streets within the City may be used by Trucks.

(c) Trucks shall be permitted on City streets other than those Truck routes established herein, if the Truck use is solely for the purpose of local access, delivery or service work within City limits and the destination is accessed by the shortest possible route from a designated Truck route.

(d) Violation of this Section 513 shall be a noncriminal traffic offense which may be written as a penalty assessment.

(3) This Section shall not prohibit:

(a) The operation of emergency vehicles upon any street in the City.

(b) The operation of vehicles owned, leased, or operated by a governmental entity, public utility, or their contractors.

(c) The operation of a truck on any street which has been designated by the City as a detour from a designated Truck route.

3. The effective date of this Ordinance shall be January 1, 2021.

INTRODUCED on November 18, 2020 read by title, passed on first reading, and ordered published as required by the Charter.

INTRODUCED a second time at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Rifle, Colorado on December 2, 2020, passed without amendment, approved, and ordered published in full as required by the Charter.

DATED this 2 day of December, 2020.

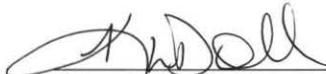


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By


Mayor

ATTEST:


City Clerk