

**ORDINANCE NO. 500
(AS AMENDED THROUGH 500.4)
AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE
AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 500
REDUCING THE PERMISSIBLE WEIGHT OF CERTAIN VEHICLES
ON IDENTIFIED COUNTY HIGHWAYS**

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside do ordain as follows:

Section 1. FINDINGS. The Board of Supervisors find that as Riverside County continues to grow and become more urbanized many highways, roads, and bridges within residential areas are not suitable for use by certain vehicles.

Section 2. PURPOSE. The purpose of this ordinance is to enable the County to regulate vehicle traffic on highways, roads, and bridges in or near residential areas pursuant to provisions in the California Vehicle Code so as to improve quality of life and traffic safety.

Section 3. AUTHORITY. This ordinance is adopted pursuant to California Vehicle Code Section 21101, Sections 35701 through 35714, and Section 42030.1. Taken together, these sections authorize Riverside County to prohibit any commercial vehicle exceeding a certain manufacturer's gross vehicle weight rating, subject to certain exemptions, from using certain highways within residential areas. These sections also authorize Riverside County to reduce the permissible weight of vehicles and loads upon unimproved County highways or County bridges. Section 42030.1 provides the table of monetary fines for violations of this ordinance.

Section 4. EXEMPT VEHICLES. This ordinance shall not apply to or regulate the following:

1. Any commercial vehicle coming from an unrestricted County highway, unimproved County highway, CSA road, or County bridge having ingress and egress by direct route to and from a restricted County highway, unimproved County highway, CSA road, or County bridge when necessary for the purpose of making pickups or deliveries of goods, wares, and merchandise from or to any building structure located on the restricted County highway, unimproved County highway, CSA road, or County bridge, or for the purpose of delivering materials to be used in the actual bona fide repair, alteration, remodeling, or construction of any building or structure upon the restricted County highway, unimproved County highway, CSA road, or County bridge for which a building permit has previously been obtained.
2. Any vehicle owned by a public utility or a licensed contractor while necessarily in use in the construction, installation, or repair of any public utility.
3. School buses and public transit buses.
4. Vehicles that have been issued and display a permit pursuant to County Ordinance No. 499 'Relating to Encroachments on County Highways', or County Ordinance No. 524 'Regulating

- Oversize and Overweight Vehicles and Loads’.
5. Vehicles that are allowed to be parked on private property owned by the owner of the vehicle pursuant to County Ordinance No. 348 ‘Providing for Land Use Planning and Zoning Regulations and Related Functions of the County of Riverside’, when using the most direct route from an unrestricted County highway, unimproved County highway, CSA road, or County bridge to access the vehicle owner’s property.
 6. Emergency response vehicles.
 7. Hearses.
 8. Any commercial vehicle using any County highway, unimproved County highway, CSA road, or County bridge by direct route to or from a state highway for the purpose of delivering or loading for transportation goods, wares, or merchandise.
 9. Vehicles operated as an incident to any industrial, commercial, or agricultural enterprise conducted within the boundaries of the unincorporated residential subdivision area.

Section 5.

- DEFINITIONS. The following definitions apply to this ordinance:
1. Commercial vehicle. Any vehicle of a type that is required to be registered under the California Vehicle Code used or maintained for the transportation of persons for hire, compensation, or profit, or designed, used, or maintained primarily for the transportation of property.
 2. County bridges. Any structures carrying a County highway or CSA road over or across a depression or obstacle.
 3. County highways. Any streets, roads, or highways that have been accepted into the County-maintained road system and are maintained by the Riverside County Transportation Department.
 4. CSA roads. Any streets, roads, and highways that have been dedicated and accepted by the County as public use roads and are maintained by a County Service Area (CSA).
 5. Director of Transportation. The Director of the Riverside County Transportation Department and functional equivalent of “road commissioner” as used in the California Vehicle Code.
 6. Identified. Identified by the Board of Supervisors in the manner described in Section 7 of this ordinance.
 7. Residential area. A neighborhood where the prevailing land use is primarily residential including, but not limited to, a residence district.
 8. Residence district. That portion of a highway and the property contiguous thereto, other than a business district, (a) upon one side of which highway, within a distance of a quarter mile, the contiguous property fronting thereon is occupied by 13 or more separate dwelling houses or business structures, or (b) upon both sides of which highway collectively, within a distance of a quarter mile, the contiguous property fronting thereon is occupied by 16 or more separate dwelling houses or business structures. A residence district may be longer than one-quarter of a mile if the

above ratio of separate dwelling houses or business structures to the length of the highway exist.

9. Restricted. Limited to use by vehicles that do not exceed maximum permissible weight prohibitions.
10. Unimproved. Not built to a standard or quality sufficient for acceptance into the County-maintained road system and not maintained by the Riverside County Transportation Department.
11. Unrestricted. Not confined to use solely by vehicles weighing under a maximum weight.

Section 6. WEIGHT PROHIBITIONS AND REDUCTIONS.

1. Pursuant to California Vehicle Code Sections 21101(c) and 35712(a), the Board of Supervisors hereby prohibit any commercial vehicle exceeding a manufacturer's gross vehicle weight rating of 14,000 pounds (7 tons) from using any identified County highways or identified CSA roads within a residential area for any duration of the day or from using any identified County highways or identified CSA roads if the use of such highways or roads may adversely affect safety within a residential area.
2. Pursuant to California Vehicle Code Section 35706, the Board of Supervisors hereby reduces the permissible weight of vehicles and loads upon identified unimproved County highways and identified County bridges.

Section 7. IDENTIFICATION OF AFFECTED COUNTY HIGHWAYS, UNIMPROVED COUNTY HIGHWAYS, CSA ROADS, AND COUNTY BRIDGES. Upon recommendation of the Director of Transportation and based on an engineering study, the Board of Supervisors hereby identify those County highways, unimproved County highways, CSA roads, and County bridges to which the weight prohibitions and reductions described in Section 6 of this ordinance apply.

Section 7.1. IDENTIFIED COUNTY HIGHWAYS.

1. On Sycamore Canyon Boulevard between Central Avenue and the City of Riverside, a total of approximately 0.61 miles in the Riverside area. The alternate route for this restriction is designated in Section 9.1.1 of this ordinance.
2. On Washington Street between Van Buren Boulevard and Hermosa Drive, a total of approximately 1.76 miles, in the Woodcrest area. The alternate route for this restriction is designated in Section 9.1.2 of this ordinance.
3. On De Palma Road between Indian Truck Trail and Horsethief Canyon Road, a total of approximately 1.69 miles, in the Temescal Canyon area. The alternate route for this restriction is designated in Section 9.1.3 of this ordinance.
4. On Campbell Ranch Road between Indian Truck Trail and Temescal Canyon Road, a total distance of approximately 1.54 miles, in the Temescal Canyon area. The alternate route for this restriction is designated in Section 9.1.4 of this ordinance.
5. On Seaton Avenue between Cajalco Road and Markham Street,

a total distance of approximately 1.00 miles, in the Perris area. The alternate route for this restriction is designated in Section 9.1.5 of this ordinance.

6. On Indiana Avenue between Neece Street and Grant Street, a total of approximately 0.45 miles in the Home Gardens area. The alternate route for this restriction is designated in Section 9.1.6 of this ordinance.
7. On Indiana Avenue between Grant Street and Hillview Drive (at the city of Riverside limits), a total of approximately 1.45 miles, in the Home Gardens area. The alternate route for this restriction is designated in Section 9.1.6 of this ordinance.
8. On Temescal Canyon Road between Tom Barnes Street and Minnesota Road, a total of approximately 0.67 miles, in the El Cerrito area. The alternate route for this restriction is designated in Section 9.1.7 of this ordinance.
9. On Alviso Road east of Decker Road, a total of approximately 0.25 miles, in the Perris area. The alternate route for this restriction is designated in Section 9.1.8 of this ordinance.
10. On Decker Road between Martin Street and Markham Street, a total of approximately 0.51 miles, in the Perris area. The alternate route for this restriction is designated in Section 9.1.5 of this ordinance.
11. On Decker Road between Cajalco Road and Alviso Road, a total of approximately 0.25 miles, in the Perris area. The alternate route for this restriction is designated in Section 9.1.5 of this ordinance.
12. On Elsworth Street between Oleander Avenue and Nance Street, a total of approximately 0.23 miles, in the Perris area. The alternate route for this restriction is designated in Section 9.1.5 of this ordinance.
13. On Markham Street between Seaton Avenue and Day Street, a total of approximately 1.02 miles, in the Perris area. The alternate route for this restriction is designated in Section 9.1.8 of this ordinance.
14. On Perry Street between Seaton Avenue and Decker Road, a total of approximately 0.36 miles, in the Perris area. The alternate route for this restriction is designated in Section 9.1.8 of this ordinance.
15. On Martin Street between Seaton Avenue and Decker Road, a total of approximately 0.31 miles, in the Perris area. The alternate route for this restriction is designated in Section 9.1.8 of this ordinance.

Section 7.2. IDENTIFIED UNIMPROVED COUNTY HIGHWAYS

Section 7.3. IDENTIFIED CSA ROADS

Section 7.4. IDENTIFIED COUNTY BRIDGES

Section 8. SIGN REQUIREMENTS. Any restriction of a County highway, unimproved County highway, CSA road, or County bridge identified in Section 7 of this ordinance shall not be effective until the Director of Transportation posts signs indicating that a vehicle weight restriction is in effect and indicating either the places affected, or the places not affected, as the Director of Transportation may determine will best serve to give notice of a weight restriction to the motoring public.

Section 9. ALTERNATE ROUTE DESIGNATION. Restrictions of County highways, unimproved County highways, CSA roads, or County bridges identified in Section 7 of this ordinance shall not be effective unless the Board of Supervisors also designates an alternate route for such affected vehicles which shall remain unrestricted by any local regulation as to those affected vehicles so long as the vehicle weight prohibition or reduction shall remain in effect.

Section 9.1. IDENTIFIED ALTERNATE ROUTE DESIGNATIONS. The Board of Supervisors hereby designates the following alternate routes for identified restricted County highways, unimproved County highways, CSA roads, or County bridges.

1. Interstate 215 / State Route 60
2. Van Buren Boulevard
3. Temescal Canyon Road between Indian Truck Trail and Horsethief Canyon Road
4. Temescal Canyon Road between Campbell Ranch Road and Indian Truck Trail
5. Harvill Avenue
6. Magnolia Avenue
7. Interstate 15
8. Cajalco Road

Section 10. VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES. Every person convicted of a violation of any declared gross vehicle weight limitations provision of this ordinance shall be punished by a fine that equals the appropriate amount specified in Vehicle Code Section 12030.1.

Section 11. SEVERABILITY. If any provision, clause, sentence, or paragraph of this ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstances shall be held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end, the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.”

EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after its adoption.

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500.4 Item 3.48 of 04/26/2022 (Eff: 05/25/2022)