

ORDINANCE NO. 665

**AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE 604 AND REENACTING PROVISIONS
CONCERNING TRUCK ROUTES WITHIN THE CITY OF LAS ANIMAS**

WHEREAS, the City of Las Animas has streets which are not capable of maintaining substantial loads; and

WHEREAS, from time to time various trucking enterprises have used the streets of the City of Las Animas and have caused the streets to buckle under the weight of the load; and

WHEREAS, the streets are generally in residential districts where trucks do not normally travel with substantial loads; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to save the streets of the City of Las Animas, the City of Las Animas believes that designated truck routes need to be established, and further, that certain streets need to be prohibited from the usage of trucks over the weight of five tons.

WHEREAS, the City of Las Animas has previously adopted Ordinance No. 604 concerning designated truck routes, which Ordinance the City of Las Animas has found to be unworkable, and should be repealed and reenacted as provided herein; and

**BE IT THEREFORE ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAS ANIMAS,
COLORADO AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. That Ordinance 604 is repealed in its entirety.

Section 2. Designation of routes

(a) The Director of Public Works shall have the authority to designate those streets and highways upon which trucks or truck-tractors are permitted to operate.

(b) Exceptions. This Ordinance shall not prohibit:

(1) **EMERGENCY VEHICLES.** The operation of emergency vehicles upon any street in the City.

(2) **PUBLIC UTILITIES.** The operation of heavy vehicles owned or operated by the City, public utilities, any contractor or material man, while engaged in the repair, maintenance, public construction, or operation of streets, street improvements, or public utilities within the City.

(3) **SCHOOL BUSES.** The operation of school buses upon any street in the City.

(4) **DETOURED HEAVY VEHICLES.** The operation of heavy vehicles upon any officially established detour.

Section 3. Posting of signs for approved truck routes

(a) It shall be unlawful to operate a truck on any street, highway or public way not posted or signed for truck usage except where:

- (1) It is necessary to drive the vehicle on the street, highway or public way in order to make a delivery or provide a service; and
- (2) The driver follows a route that is the shortest distance between his or her destination and the street, highway or public way on which trucks are not restricted or prohibited that is nearest to the destination; and
- (3) In leaving the original destination, the driver follows a route that is the shortest distance back to the nearest street, highway or public way on which trucks are not restricted or prohibited; and
- (4) If multiple stops must be made within one (1) grid on the truck map, the driver follows the shortest route from stop to stop, and after making the final stop within that grid, the driver then follows the shortest route to the nearest street, highway or public way on which trucks are not prohibited. In so doing, drivers must make reasonable efforts to plan their trips so as to minimize the distance driven on nontruck routes. For purposes of this section, grid shall mean the smallest area completely enclosed or surrounded by designated truck routes.

(b) It shall be unlawful to park a truck on any public way or public property that is not posted with signs allowing truck parking unless the truck is in the act of providing service to the adjoining property and the truck is not parked in excess of two (2) hours.

(c) In addition to trucks, any truck-tractor shall be considered a truck under this section.

(d) The Director of Public Works shall post with signs all streets, highways or public ways where truck traffic or truck parking is appropriate.

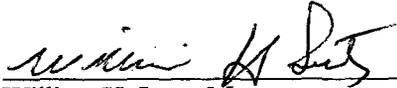
Section 4. That the City Clerk is hereby ordered and directed to cause this ordinance to be published.

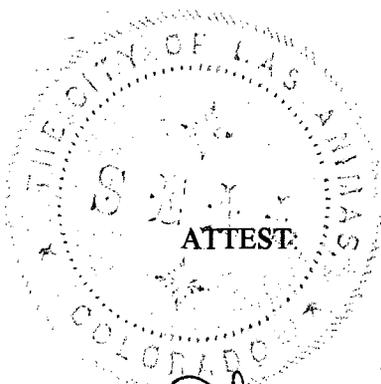
Section 5. That this ordinance and the rules, regulations, provisions, requirements, orders and matters established and adopted hereby shall take effect and be in full force and effect from and after the date of its final passage and adoption.

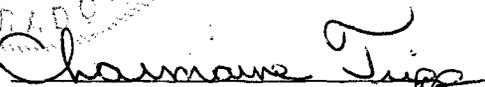
ADOPTED on first reading this 11th day of October, 2005.

PASSED on second reading this 8th day of November, 2005.

CITY OF LAS ANIMAS, COLORADO


William H. Lutz, Mayor



ATTEST

Charmaine Tripp, City Clerk