

Truck Route Details

Positive Guidance: The overall goal is to use our street network as it is best designed for heavy vehicles and truck traffic by giving drivers positive guidance of Truck Routes to use. The guidance is to use Street Classifications in the highest to lowest classification sequence of travel. The sequence of travel is to use Interstates to Georgia State Routes to City Arterials to Collector streets to the nearest point of departure to Local streets to the final destination. A return trip will be in the reverse order of street classifications.

All Interstate and State Routes weight and length restrictions are defined as Statutory being controlled by the State of Georgia and not Columbus. All other Truck Route streets are City streets having the weight and length restrictions enumerated. A Truck or other vehicle will be considered in violation of a specific Route's restriction when the vehicle's Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR) exceeds the restriction (in Tons and/or Length by feet) whether the vehicle is empty or loaded.

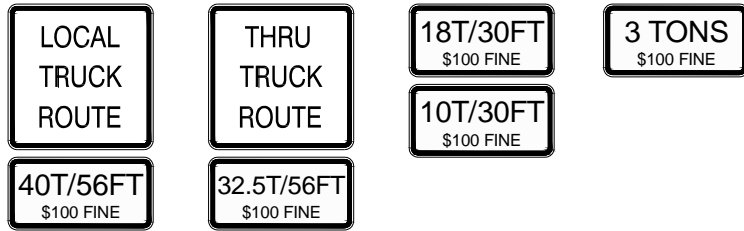
Exceptions: The Columbus Truck Route System provides the same exceptions as does Georgia State law that include in route to a pick-up or delivery, to a facility for repair, to headquarters or to perform business on a specific street. The driver shall follow the same sequence of travel by Street Classification as described here within. The driver shall have written evidence such as a Bill of Lading, work order or other paper work that qualifies the trip as an exception.

The Truck Route System is divided into two types of Truck /Heavy vehicle routes:

1. **Thru Truck Routes** – Those Interstate, Georgia State Routes and City Arterial streets that are designed for high volume and heavy vehicular loads. These are the streets that allow traffic to reach Columbus as an origin/destination or travel thru Columbus in route to other cities, counties or states. Truck traffic is authorized to use these Routes with enumerated restrictions whether passing thru Columbus, having an origin, destination or performing business within Columbus City Limits.
2. **Local Truck Routes** – Those City Arterial and Collector streets with enumerated restrictions that trucks and other vehicles use to conduct regular business trips having origins and/or destinations within Columbus City Limits.

Truck Route System Ordinance: [Click here to read the entire ordinance.](#)

Truck Route Signs: The City will install "Thru Truck Route" and "Local Truck Route" signs with applicable Weight/Length Restrictions on all streets that are part of the Truck Route System.



Penalty - Enforcement: All Truck Routes will have signs defining it as a Thru or Local Truck Route with a Weight/Length Restriction signs. **The minimum fine for a violation is \$100.**

The City will provide a transition period to allow for the installation of the new Truck Route signage before Public Safety Officers begin issuing citations for violations of the new Truck Route System ordinance. You are encouraged to use this time period to reroute your truck-vehicular traffic to be compliant with this ordinance. Strict enforcement will begin on June 1, 2010.