

ORDINANCE 2026-_____

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHARTER 16 MOTOR VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC, ARTICLE I.
IN GENERAL, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF VICKSBURG,
MISSISSIPPI, BY DELETING AND AMENDING
SEC.16-37. ESTABLISHING TRUCK ROUTES AND CLASSIFICATIONS**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF VICKSBURG as follows:

SECTION ONE: Sec. 16-37 (a-g) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Vicksburg, Mississippi, as it presently exists shall be deleted in its entirety.

SECTION TWO: The following language shall be substituted and amended in place of the deleted language in Section 16-37:

SEC. 16-37.- TRUCK ROUTES.

- (a) **Abolishment:** The 2002 Truck Route Ordinance approved by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen is hereby repealed together with any other Ordinances inconsistent herewith.
- (b) **Establishment:** There are hereby established truck routes to regulate traffic and movement of commercial vehicle traffic on certain designated highways and streets within the city limits of Vicksburg. These routes shall have signs designating the truck route and must comply with the Uniform Manual for Traffic Control Devices and any other State of Mississippi or Federal Highway Standard.
- (c) **Truck Route Locations:** The truck routes established herein include the following highways and roads. These roads are also shown on the attached map identified as attachment "A" and are a part of this ordinance:
 - 1. I-20.
 - 2. Highway 61 North By-Pass.
 - 3. Highway 61 Business (also known as North Washington Street).
 - 4. Highway 61 South.
 - 5. Washington Street excluding blocks between First East Street and Veto Street.
 - 6. Depot Street.
 - 7. Levee Street.
- (d) **Truck Classification:** Trucks are classified in accordance with the Federal Highway Administration Guidelines Establishing Vehicle Classification that are classified as numbers 1-13. A copy of this classification is attached to this Ordinance as attachment "B." Vehicles and trucks classified as 1-5 are exempt from the provisions of this Ordinance. Truck classifications 6-13 are subject to the provisions of this Ordinance. All uses of the word "Truck" in this Ordinance shall mean trucks classified as 6-13.
- (e) **Truck Traffic on Streets Not Designated as a Truck Route:** This Ordinance will allow trucks on City streets not classified as a Truck Route under the following conditions:
 - 1. Trucks that transport goods and services to a construction site under a valid building permit (issued by the City of Vicksburg) and need to use these roads to make deliveries.
 - 2. Trucks that transport goods and services to businesses and houses for deliveries or pickups must take the most direct route to their destination utilizing the established truck routes as

much as possible.

3. Trucks exempt from this ordinance shall include the following:
 - i. Any municipal, county or state truck.
 - ii. Any truck under contract with the City of Vicksburg.
 - iii. Any truck under contract with Warren County.
 - iv. Any truck owned by a public utility as defined by the Public Service Commission during customer service. This does not include construction projects.
 - v. Any truck going to an overnight or temporary parking area, unless otherwise prohibited by law.
 - vi. School buses, church buses, sanitation trucks, street maintenance trucks, utility trucks, tour buses, fire trucks or emergency vehicles are exempt from this ordinance.

(f) **Towing:** Any truck classified as 6-13 that is in violation of this section and endangers the safety and welfare of others, that causes a traffic hazard or that the owner or operator refuses to move, may be towed and parked at a designated location at the owner or operator's expense.

(g) **Enforcement and Penalties:** Violation of this Ordinance shall be a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than \$1,000.00 or by imprisonment in jail for sixty (60) days or both.

SO ORDAINED this the _____ day of _____, 2026

The Mayor and Aldermen of the
City of Vicksburg, Mississippi

Willis Thompson, Mayor

Thomas J. Mayfield, Alderman

Vickie Y. Bailey, Alderwoman