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ORDINANCE NO. 20515

AN ORDINANCE introduced by City Manager Robert M. Perez adding a new section concerning truck routes to Chapter 10.70, Trucks and Trailers, of the Topeka Municipal Code.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF TOPEKA, KANSAS:

Section 1. That the Code of the City of Topeka, Kansas, is hereby amended by adding a section, to be numbered 10.70.050 which said section reads as follows:

Truck routes and truck delivery routes established.

(a) Truck Route and Truck Delivery Route designations shall be established by the City Manager or his or her designee. A map of truck routes and truck delivery routes shall be posted on the City website. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, association, partnership or corporation to operate a truck, trailer, or semi-trailer with a registered gross vehicle weight rating in excess of 26,000 pounds, on any street within the corporate limits of the City, other than on the designated truck routes.

(b) The provisions of this section shall not be applicable to those vehicles which are designed and used primarily to carry passengers: emergency vehicles: vehicles engaged in repairing, maintaining or constructing streets or other public infrastructure: city or franchised utility vehicles: vehicles conducting refuse collections: any other city vehicles operating under the authority of the city or contractors' vehicles when engaged in projects for the city: vehicles carrying goods, wares or merchandise or other articles to and from any house, residence or business establishment within the City or vehicles providing equipment or materials necessary for repair or construction of any house, residence or business establishment, provided that such vehicles takes the most direct route to and from the facilities or locations served using the designated truck

routes whenever possible. For the purposes of this section, taking the most direct route shall not be deemed to include the use of local streets when access can be obtained from an arterial or collector street.

(c) On streets and thoroughfares designated as truck routes, all drivers shall comply with bridge and culvert load limit signs and regulations, which take precedence over truck route designations.

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage, approval and publication in the official City newspaper.

Section 3. This ordinance shall supersede all ordinances, resolutions or rules, or portions thereof, which are in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance.

Section 4. Should any section, clause or phrase of this ordinance be declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the same shall not affect the validity of this ordinance as a whole, or any part thereof, other than the part so declared to be invalid.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council on August 20, 2024.

CITY OF TOPEKA, KANSAS

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Michael A. Padilla, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Brenda Younger, City Clerk