

City of Cottonwood Shores

**ORDINANCE 12001**

**AN ORDINANCE CONTROLLING THE OPERATION AND PARKING OF COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLES UPON CITY STREETS, EXCLUDING HIGHWAY 2147, OR PUBLIC PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF COTTONWOOD SHORES, TEXAS, PROVIDING FOR EXCEPTIONS, A PENALTY AND SERVABILITY, AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF THIS ORDINANCE.**

**History:**

December 19, 2013 – Amended Vehicles Not Permitted and Penalty Section

April 02, 2026 – Amended Vehicles Not Permitted and Penalty Section

April 16, 2026 – Amended adding construction entrances and idling.

**WHEREAS**, the Council of the City of Cottonwood Shores, Texas has been advised that numerous commercial vehicles with or with-out trailers are operating within the residential areas of the City of Cottonwood Shores, Texas; and

**WHEREAS**, the streets within the City were not constructed to support heavy commercial vehicles; and

**WHEREAS**, the width of the streets within the City limits are narrow (30 feet or less) and were not designed to accommodate wide and large vehicles; and

**WHEREAS**, the intersections of most streets were designed to have ninety (90) degree intersections with a turning radius;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COTTONWOOD SHORES, TEXAS:**

**SECTION 1: VEHICLES / TRAILERS NOT PERMITTED**

- (a) Vehicles over 26,000 pounds
- (b) Vehicles with over two axels on an individual vehicle
- (c) Vehicles over 110 inches in width
- (d) Vehicles over 13 feet 6 inches in height
- (e) Vehicles defined in Sec. 541.201 of the Texas Transportation Code:
  - 1. (4) Farm Tractor
  - 2. (13) Pole Trailer
  - 3. (17) Semitrailer
  - 4. (18) Special Mobile Equipment
  - 5. (22) Truck Tractor
- (f) It shall be unlawful for any person or any owner to leave, park, stand or operate any truck tractor, road tractor, truck trailer, semi-trailer or any other commercial vehicle as noted above, or any

house trailer, boat trailer, stock trailer, or any other type of trailer upon any public street, alley, parkways, boulevard in such a manner as to block the flow of traffic upon the public street, alley, parkway, boulevard or private property.

- (g) It shall be unlawful for any person or any owner to operate, leave, park or stand any vehicle or trailer which is transporting bulk hazardous materials, as defined in the United Nations Classifications of Hazardous Materials, upon any public street, alley, parkways, boulevard or private property unless the vehicle or trailer is making a pickup or delivery as previously scheduled, and with full knowledge of the City.
- (h) Verification of pickups or deliveries shall be made by the vehicle operator upon the request of any law enforcement officer of the City of Cottonwood Shores by presenting for inspection to said officer, a shipping order, bill of lading, contract or other instrument specifying the date, address and name of the company or individual requesting or directing said pickup or delivery.
- (i) It shall be unlawful for any person or any owner, operator, of any heavy-duty trucks with a gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) greater than 14,000 pounds (except Armored Vehicles or Emergency Services) (Including sleeper births) to allow said vehicle to idle for more than five consecutive minutes, in areas within the city limits, zoned for residential, school, and hospitals.
- (j) "Puffing Law" (Unattended Vehicles) Under Texas Transportation Code § 545.404, it is illegal statewide to leave any vehicle running and unattended in a public place (often called "Puffing"). Violation of this may result in a Class C misdemeanor and fines up to \$500.00.

## **SECTION 2: EXCEPTIONS**

The provisions in Section 1 shall not apply to the following vehicles when actively in use:

- (a) Street Construction and Maintenance Vehicles
- (b) Public Services Utility Vehicles
- (c) Buses
- (d) Emergency Vehicles

## **SECTION 3: CONSTRUCTION ENTRANCES**

- (1) All commercial construction sites within the City of Cottonwood Shores shall create and establish a designated construction entrance to their jobsite.
- (2) All commercial vehicles (over 14000 GVWR) that enter the city, enroute to a specific construction site, must utilize its designated construction entrance.
- (3) All commercial vehicles (over 14000 GVWR) that fails to adhere to this section of the ordinance shall be considered in violation.

**SECTION 4: PENALTY**

- (a) An offense under this section shall be filed with the Municipal Court of Cottonwood Shores by complaint or citation issued by the Police Department or any Peace Officer of the State of Texas and is punishable by the assessment of a fine not to exceed two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00). Each day or portion of a day in which the violation occurs shall be considered a separate offense and may be filed as such in the municipal court.

**SECTION 5: SEVERABILITY**

- (a) If any provision, section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance, or the application of same to any person or set of circumstances, is for any reason held to be unconstitutional, void, or invalid, the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance shall not be affected thereby, it being the intent of the City Council in adopting this Ordinance that no provisions or regulations contained herein, shall become inoperative or fail by reason of any unconstitutionality or any other portion hereof, and all provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable for that purpose.

**SECTION 6: PUBLICICATION**

- (a) The description caption of this Ordinance is hereby ordered to be published in the official newspaper of the City of Cottonwood Shore, Texas and said Ordinance shall take effect from and after such publication.

**SECTION 7: EFFECTIVE DATE**

- (a) This ordinance shall become effective upon passage, adoption and publication in accordance with State Law.

**AMENDED, PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COTTONWOOD SHORES, TEXAS AT A MEETING ON THE 19<sup>th</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2026 THERE BEING A QUORUM PRESENT, BY 3 YEAS, 0 NAYS AND 0 ABSTENTIONS.**

*J. Dodd*

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Mayor Jared Dodd

Attest:



*Bobby Herrin*  
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City Secretary Bobby Herrin