

TOWN OF JOHNSTOWN, COLORADO
ORDINANCE NO. 2026-288

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 8-81 OF THE JOHNSTOWN
MUNICIPAL CODE CONCERNING TRUCK ROUTES**

WHEREAS, the Town of Johnstown, Colorado ("Town") is a Colorado home rule municipality, duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Colorado and the Town's Home Rule Charter; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council is vested with authority to administer the affairs of the Town; and

WHEREAS, by Ordinance 2008-807, approved on June 16, 2008, the Town Council codified Section 8-83 (subsequently renumbered to Section 8-81) of the Johnstown Municipal Code, adopting a designated truck route for trucks weighing over 7,000 pounds empty weight and prohibiting such vehicles, with limited exception, from travelling on Town streets, highways, public ways or portions thereof; and

WHEREAS, given the Town's growth since 2008 and additional federal regulations concerning commercial vehicles, the Town's Chief of Police recommends that the Town Council amend Section 8-81 of the Johnstown Municipal Code to prohibit all commercial motor vehicles over ten thousand (10,000) pounds gross vehicle weight rating or gross combination weight rating, which do not include recreational vehicles or certain farm vehicles, from travelling on Town streets, highways, public ways or portions thereof unless such vehicles have a destination within the Town and use the shortest route to reach such destination; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police also recommends that the Town Council designate new truck routes for the Town, as shown on Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, based on the Chief of Police's recommendation, the Town Council desires to amend Section 8-81 of the Johnstown Municipal Code and to designate new truck routes for the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council finds, determines and declares that this Ordinance is promulgated under the general police power of the Town and is in the best interests of the Town.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF JOHNSTOWN, COLORADO, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Recitals. The foregoing recitals are affirmed and incorporated herein.

Section 2. Section 8-81. Section 8-81 of the Johnstown Municipal Code is hereby repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

Sec. 8-81. Mandatory routes for commercial vehicles.

- (a) All commercial motor vehicles, as defined in Section 42-1-102(17.5), C.R.S., as amended ("CMV"), with a gross combination weight rating or gross vehicle weight rating of 10,001 pounds or more, and vehicles transporting hazardous materials that require federal placarding ("HMV"), are prohibited from traveling on streets, highways, public ways or portions thereof in the Town except on designated truck routes
- (b) Any person operating a CMV or HMV upon a street, highway, public way or portion thereof that is not a truck route shall use the shortest route between the established truck route and point of delivery and shall have in his or her possession a log book, delivery slip or other evidence of his or her point of origin and destination to justify the presence of the vehicle upon such route. Failure to produce such evidence upon the request of a police officer shall be prima facia evidence of a violation of this Section. No person operating a CMV or HMV shall cut between designated truck routes on prohibited streets, highways, public ways or portions thereof.
- (c) For purposes of this Section, a CMV does not include recreational vehicles or covered farm vehicles as defined in 49 C.F.R. §390.5.
- (d) The Town Manager is hereby delegated authority to amend truck routes or to designate additional truck routes in the Town. Once designated, the Town shall post signs identifying the truck routes. The Town Clerk shall keep a map of the designated truck routes available for public inspection.

Section 3. Designated Truck Routes. The truck routes shown on Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, are hereby designated as the truck routes for the Town, as amended from time to time.

Section 4. Severability. If any part or provision of this Ordinance, or its application to any person or circumstance, is adjudged to be invalid or unenforceable, the invalidity or unenforceability of such part, provision, or application shall not affect any of the remaining parts, provisions or applications of this Ordinance that can be given effect without the invalid provision, part or application, and, to this end, the provisions and parts of this Ordinance are declared to be severable.

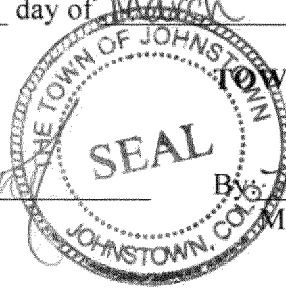
Section 5. Repealer. All ordinances, or parts thereof, inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent only of such inconsistency. This repealer shall not be construed to revise any ordinance, or part thereof, heretofore repealed.

Section 6. Publication; Effective Date. This Ordinance, after its passage on final reading, shall be numbered, recorded, published and posted as required by the Home Rule Charter of the Town of Johnstown, Colorado ("Charter") and the adoption, posting and publication shall be authenticated by the signature of the Mayor and the Town Clerk. This Ordinance shall become effective upon final passage as provided by the Charter. Copies of the entire Ordinance are available at the office of the Town Clerk.

INTRODUCED, AND APPROVED on first reading by the Town Council of the Town of Johnstown, Colorado, this 11th day of March, 2026.

ATTEST:

By: Meghan Martinez
Meghan Martinez, Town Clerk

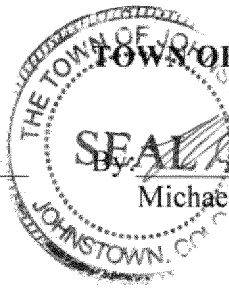


TOWN OF JOHNSTOWN, COLORADO
By: Michael P. Duncan
Michael P. Duncan, Mayor

PASSED UPON FINAL APPROVAL AND ADOPTED on second reading by the Town Council of the Town of Johnstown, Colorado, this 1st day of April, 2026.

ATTEST:

By: Meghan Martinez
Meghan Martinez, Town Clerk



TOWN OF JOHNSTOWN, COLORADO
By: Michael P. Duncan
Michael P. Duncan, Mayor

EXHIBIT A
TRUCK ROUTE

