

TOWN OF HAUGHTON

ORDINANCE 8 OF 2022

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND REENACTING THE HAUGHTON MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 38, TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES, SECTION 38-25 (ORDINANCE 2 OF 1990) WHICH AUTHORIZES THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE TOWN OF HAUGHTON TO ESTABLISH WEIGHT REGULATIONS AND REPEAL EXISTING ORDINANCES, WITHIN THE TOWN.

WHEREAS, the Town of Haughton presently has an ordinance that establishes maximum weight limits on municipal streets and roads and

WHEREAS, the present ordinance does not specify conditions that allow for limits to be exceeded in certain situations and

WHEREAS, the present ordinance does not establish a fine for violation of the ordinance on maximum weight limits,

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDAINED THAT the Haughton Municipal Code of Ordinances, Chapter 38, Traffic and Vehicles, Section 38-25 (Ordinance 2 of 1990), is hereby amended and reenacted to site specific situations and conditions that allow a vehicle to operate above the maximum weight (15 tons) and establish a penalty or fine to be imposed when violations occur.

SECTION 1---VEHICLE WEIGHT LIMITS ESTABLISHED ON MUNICIPAL STREETS

It is unlawful for any person to operate on any street any motor vehicle, or other vehicle, tractor, trailer, or combination having an aggregate or gross weight equal to or greater than fifteen (15) tons, on the streets and or highways or portions of streets and highways within the Town.

Ordinance 8 amends Ordinance 2 of 1990 as follows:

- (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to drive upon the streets of the town any vehicle in excess of **fifteen (15) tons** with exceptions.
- (b) The following streets are exempted from this section as they are main highways going through the town: La. Highway 157, La. 614 (McKinley Ave.), and La. Highway 3227.
- (c) No municipal streets or roads shall be used as through ways. Heavy vehicles must use state highways as through ways.
- (d) Should vehicles at or above the fifteen (15) ton limit need to operate on a municipal street or road for a reasonable period of time to complete a job, a permit must be obtained by the business or organization from Town Hall and a maintenance bond submitted in the amount of \$25,000. *Examples include logging trucks, medium to large dump trucks, oil field service trucks(sand), etc.*
- (d) Emergency vehicles, moving vans, livestock trucks and trailers, farm equipment, school buses, trucks belonging to the town or trucks belonging to an established business within the town limits are exempt from subsection (a) of this section.

(e) Any operator who operates a truck in violation of this section shall be subject to a fine of **\$500.00** for each offense.

Following introduction of the foregoing Ordinance at the Regular Meeting of the Town Council held on 11TH day of February, upon motion by _____, duly seconded by _____, the foregoing Ordinance was adopted at the Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen held on this 10TH day of January 2023.

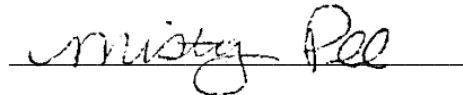
DOUG ADAMS YEA 1 NAY ___

CARLTON ANDERSON YEA 1 NAY ___

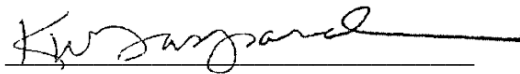
BUCK McGEE YEA 1 NAY ___

COLBY ISOM YEA 1 NAY ___

PHILLIP SMITH YEA 1 NAY ___



Misty Pee, Town Clerk



K.W. Gaspard, Mayor