CHAPTER 10.16
WEIGHT AND LOAD RESTRICTIONS

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10.16.010 Certain Vehicles to be Kept Off Street When Not in Use: No person having charge of any truck or other motor vehicle exceeding ten thousand pounds (10,000 lbs.) gross vehicle weight (GVW) as established by the manufacturer, excluding pickups; any commercial, industrial, or agricultural equipment and/or machinery; or any trailer, except a trailer owned by an emergency services provider, unless attached to a motor vehicle by which it may be propelled or drawn shall permit or allow the same to remain or park the same in any street, alley, or public right-of-way for a continuous period exceeding four hours; provided, that in case of accident such vehicle, equipment, or trailer may be moved to the side of the street, alley, or public right-of-way, and if good and sufficient red signal be displayed at both ends thereof during the hours of darkness, may be permitted or allowed to remain for a period of not exceeding twenty-four (24) hours pending removal provided that the provisions of RCW 46.61.571 or any other parking regulation of the Model Traffic Ordinance adopted by this code are not violated. (Ord. 1874, 10/12/99; Ord. 1399, 1989; Ord. 629, 1971)

10.16.015 Self-Propelled Recreational Vehicles or Motor Homes: No person having charge of any self-propelled recreational vehicle or motor home shall permit or allow the same to remain or park the same in any street, alley, or public right-of-way for a continuous period exceeding twenty-four (24) hours. (Ord. 1707, 2/13/96)

10.16.020 Certain Loads Prohibited:

A. No person shall drag or haul any timber or any articles along or over any street in such a manner that a portion of the same shall rest upon or come into contact with the surface of such street; nor shall any person on any paved or macadamized street lock the wheel of any vehicle by any method whereby anything other than the tire of such wheel, or a smooth shoe shall come into contact with the surface of the street. No person shall unload a vehicle in any manner that will cause damage to the surface of the street.

B. No person shall haul any manure in any business district.

C. No person shall load or transport any metals or metal vessels or materials in any such a manner as to cause a loud noise to the disturbance of the peace. (Ord. 629, 1971)

10.16.030 Truck Routes: The following routes are the only designated "through truck routes" for vehicles with a combined axle load of 12,000 lbs. Streets open to truck traffic shall comply with RCW 46.44.041 and RCW 46.44.042.

Street Name	Origin or Egress Boundary
Highway 17	All portions within city limits
I-90	All portions within city limits

(Ord. 1399, 1989)

10.16.040 Arterials and Residential Streets: The following trucks shall be permitted on city arterials and residential streets even though not designated as "through truck routes" and even though exceeding the combined axle load of 12,000 lbs:

A. Commercial vehicles delivering merchandise to businesses and homes within the city limits.

B. Utility vehicles servicing utilities within the city limits.

C. Local garbage collector vehicles operating within the city limits.

D. Construction vehicles may operate within the city limits; however, the owners shall be responsible for wheel rut repairs and/or other damage resulting to streets traveled by construction equipment to the City of Moses Lake and as provided for in RCW 46.44.110 and 46.44.120.

E. Municipal vehicles of the City of Moses Lake.

F. School buses.

G. Vehicles approved by the city used in parades.

H. Unloaded vehicles used for transportation by operators to their home. These vehicles may only be allowed on the streets for a maximum of four (4) hours.

I. Trucks enroute to and from repair shops.

J. Mail trucks. (Ord. 1399, 1989)

10.16.050 Restrictive Load Limits: All commercial vehicles shall be required to obey all laws, signs, and official notices or postings regarding gross weight limits that are erected, posted, and/or published as an official notification by the city. (Ord. 1399, 1989)

10.16.060 Transportation of Hazardous Materials: Hazardous materials, other than flammable and explosive, shall be transported on truck routes of the State of Washington. Local delivery of hazardous material shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the Moses Lake Police Chief or his representative. Transport of flammable, explosive, and hazardous waste materials regulated by the State Fire Code shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the Fire Chief. No hazardous materials may be stored on trucks within the City of Moses Lake. (Ord. 2503, 7/28/09; Ord. 1399, 1989)

10.16.070 Penalty: Every person who violates any of the provisions of this chapter shall be subject to a non-deferrable, non-suspendable C-15 penalty as defined in Chapter 1.08 of the Moses Lake Municipal Code. (Ord. 1399, 1989)