



## DDOT Truck & Motor Carrier FAQ

***Q: Can trucks park at the parking meters?***

No. Trucks are prohibited to park at parking meters. Trucks are only permitted to park when making freight deliveries at the curbside spaces designated as loading zones. (Regulations are further pending).

***Q: Is there a place reserved for truck parking in the District?***

No. Truck parking is not allowed in the district.

***Q: Are there suggested routes for trucks in the District?***

Yes. DDOT has developed a map with suggested routing for commercial vehicles traveling in the city. This map is available on goDCgo at [www.godcgo.com/routemap](http://www.godcgo.com/routemap)

***Q: Are there any streets that I can't travel on in the District?***

Yes. The District has a number of historic neighborhoods with streets that are not designed to support heavy vehicles. Trucks are restricted from traveling on these and many other residential streets. In addition, there are areas of the District where trucks are prohibited for security reasons, such as the US Capitol. For a full list of restrictions please refer to the routing map on godcgo website. Please read all signage carefully when operating in the District.

***Q: What are the maximum dimensions for vehicles in the District of Columbia?***

Unless otherwise posted the maximum dimensional restrictions for vehicles and combinations are as follows:

Maximum Vehicle Dimensions:

Width

- 8 feet [DCMR 18-2501.1]
- 8 feet 6 inches for buses having a carrying capacity of more than 15 passengers [DCMR 18-2501.2]

Height

- 13 feet 6 inches for all vehicles [DCMR 18-2501.5]

Length

- 40 feet for all single unit vehicles [DCMR 18-2502.1]
- 60 feet for all buses [DCMR 18-2502.7]
- 55 feet for all semi-trailers and other combinations of vehicles [DCMR 18-2501.2]\*
- \*Note: Combination vehicles will be subject to federal size limitations on interstate highways.

***Q: What are the maximum weight limits for vehicles in the District of Columbia?***

Unless otherwise posted the maximum weight limits for vehicles and combinations are as follows:



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#### Maximum Vehicle Weights\*

- Weight on any one axle 21,000 pounds [18-2505.1]
- Weight on any two consecutive axles less than 10 feet apart 34,000 pounds 34,000 pounds [18-2505.5]

\*Note: Combination vehicles will be subject to federal size limitations on interstate highways. You can also find more a more detailed vehicle weight chart in DCMR 18-2505

#### ***Q: What do I do if my vehicle exceeds the limits listed above?***

Oversized/overweight vehicles require a permit to travel within the District of Columbia. The DDOT Online Permitting System, TOPS, allows users to apply for permits to operate oversize and overweight vehicles in the District, including annual tags and single haul permits. Please note that there are certain limitations that will determine the type of permit available to operators based on the size of the vehicle and/or the load.

To obtain a permit for your oversized/overweight vehicle please click here to visit TOPS, the DDOT Online Permitting System. To view a .pdf list of frequently asked questions about the permitting process, please click here. You can also reach the Permitting Office at (202) 442-4670 between 8:30am and 4pm, Monday through Friday, on normal business working days.

#### ***Q: Are there any weigh stations in the District?***

The District Department of Transportation operates two vehicle weigh stations:

- Half Street SW
- I-295 Blue Plains SE

#### ***Q: What is the legal route for 53 foot trailers in the District of Columbia?***

In the District of Columbia, a 53 foot trailer may be operated on the National Network comprised of the following:

- I-295 from the District of Columbia - Maryland line to the Interchange with I-695 in the vicinity of 11th and L Streets, S.E.;
- I-695 from the interchange with I-295 in the vicinity of 11th and L Streets, S.E., to the interchange with I-395 in the vicinity of 2nd and E Streets, S.W.;
- I-395 from the Virginia - D.C. line to the interchange with I-695 in the vicinity of 2nd and E Streets, S.W.;
- The Anacostia Freeway from the 11th Street Bridge (I-295) to East Capitol Street; and
- Kenilworth Avenue, N.E. from East Capitol Street to the D.C. - Maryland line.

#### ***Q: How can I request a bus restriction on a particular street/roadway?***



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All requests for the restriction of trucks on a specific roadway are processed by the Policy, Planning and Sustainability Administration (PPSA) within DDOT. Residents must complete the Truck and Bus Restriction Request Form which will then be reviewed by PPSA and either approved or denied.

***Q: Who can issue a ticket to truck operators in the District?***

Because of its role as the nation's capital, the District is home to a large number of enforcement agencies many of whom can enforce the City's laws. There are over 17 enforcement agencies that can issue tickets to commercial vehicle operators but the main agencies are:

- The Metropolitan Police Department
- The National Park Police
- The Capitol Police
- The District Department of Transportation
- The Department of Public Works (Parking Enforcement)

***Q: I received a ticket while operating in the District, can I pay my ticket online?***

Yes, on the Department of Motor Vehicles website at the following link

[https://wmq.etimspayments.com/pbw/include/dc\\_parking/info.jsp](https://wmq.etimspayments.com/pbw/include/dc_parking/info.jsp)

***Q: Does the District have a no- idling law?***

Yes. Commercial vehicles may not idle for more than three minutes. There is an exception when the temperature drops below 32 degrees Fahrenheit (freezing) when drivers may idle for five minutes.

The fine for violating the District's idling laws can be up to \$1,000 for a first offense and can double for subsequent offenses.