



# DDOT Truck & Motor Carrier Policy (Draft)

DDOT encourages safe truck travel and the efficient use of commercial vehicles in the District that actively promotes an economically robust community while mitigating impacts on the District's infrastructure and transportation system.

Trucks are the primary mode of freight deliveries in the District. Management of truck activity is essential to manage competing and conflicting uses of the roadway by different modes. This section provides an overview of DDOT's policies for trucks in the areas outlined below. More information and guidance on these areas can be found in the DDOT Commercial Vehicle Guidebook - Freight (final report pending).

## **Parking**

It is DDOT's policy to encourage off-street parking for truck and commercial vehicles in the District. Truck parking is restricted and is limited to freight loading and unloading. DDOT encourages the use of loading docks, alley ways, and loading/unloading facilities to make freight deliveries. There are many events occurring throughout the city on a daily basis and parking for commercial vehicles is limited. It is important to read all parking and traffic signs before you park. All traffic and vehicle activity is governed Title 18, Chapter 24 of the D.C. Municipal Regulations. Commercial vehicles can be ticketed for:

Double parking.

Stopping and loading at unauthorized areas.

Parking at meters.

Stopping, loading or parking on streets with rush hour prohibitions.

Parking in any area posted "No Parking" or "No Standing".

Parking in a commercial vehicle zone for longer than the posted time limit.

Parking in a residential neighborhood

## **Routing**

It is DDOT's policy that trucks should have a comprehensive route network on which they can travel through the District providing access to key locations while limiting the impact on the District's infrastructure and neighborhoods. DDOT has designated a "Through Truck and Bus Route Network" to provide guidance for commercial vehicle operators. The District also has a large number of streets on which trucks are prohibited due to resident and infrastructure concerns. DDOT's authority to establish designated routing for commercial vehicles is outlined in Title 18, Chapter 40 of the D.C. Municipal Regulations.



## Permitting

It is DDOT's policy to issue permits for trucks that are operating outside the DCMR standard size and weight restrictions. The two types of size and weight permits are Single Haul Permits and Annual Tags. All permitting guidelines and fees are outlined in the DCMR Title 18, Chapter 25. Additionally, a commercial driver license (CDL) is required by the operator to operate a commercial vehicle under DCMR Title 18, Chapter 13. The District's Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) is responsible for the issuance of a CDL. For more information please visit the DMV website.

## Restrictions

It is DDOT's policy that all vehicles should have access to the roads on which they are legally entitled to travel. Truck restrictions are outlined in the DCMR for routing of hazardous materials. Section 1403.1 of the DCMR restricts any motor vehicle carrying hazardous materials from entering the following,

- (a) The Interstate - 395 freeway tunnel from the south portal to the most northerly portal at K Street, N. W.; and
- (b) The Ninth Street Expressway tunnel from the north portal at Madison Drive to the south portal, which is south of Independence Avenue.

DDOT's authority to establish restrictions on specific roadways for commercial vehicles is outlined in Title 18, Chapter 40 of the DCMR.



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