

## **ORDINANCE NO. 612**

### **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LOVINGTON, NEW MEXICO RESTRICTING OPERATION AND TRAVEL OF TRUCKS AND OTHER COMMERCIAL VEHICLES ON PORTIONS OF MAIN STREET WITHIN THE CITY AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A “NO TRUCK THOROUGHFARE” ZONE**

WHEREAS, the Lovington Main Street Project is scheduled for completion in May, 2025, which has taken over three years to complete and cost in excess of \$25,000,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the new traffic pattern for Main Street between Avenues E and Jackson call for a single lane of traffic in each direction; and

WHEREAS, the subject street was not intended to function as an avenue for heavy trucks or other vehicles of similar size; and

WHEREAS, the governing body wishes to protect Main Street from the eventual wear and tear damages that sustained truck traffic can cause; and

WHEREAS, the governing body wishes to establish and enforce a posted truck route around the city; and

WHEREAS, the subject street is: Main Street, between Avenue N to the south and Dearduff Street to the north;

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF LOVINGTON, NEW MEXICO, THE CITY COMMISSION, THAT TITLE 12 CHAPTER 12.08.65 HEREBY IS ADOPTED AS FOLLOWS:

12.08.065 Prohibited traffic in the Main Street Corridor.

A. It shall be an infraction to operate or drive any vehicle that requires the driver to hold a commercial driver's license and has a gross weight of more than 26,000 pounds on Main Street between Dearduff Street and Avenue K, except for local deliveries or picking up a load.

B. The following schedule details the routes over which trucks in the categories defined above are required to follow:

- 1) Northbound/Southbound: Trucks should exit North Main Street on the north side by either taking Commercial Street south, to where it again intersects with South Main Street and also intersects with Hwy 83 east bound; or
- 2) By taking Dearduff Street west to Gum Street, turning south on 17<sup>th</sup> Street which becomes Brian Urlacher and then Avenue R, which intersects with South Main Street and also intersects with Hwy 82 west bound;

- 3) Eastbound/Westbound: trucks are not allowed to turn north or south onto Main Street off of Avenue D
- 4) Therefore, trucks going northbound on Main Street will be required to turn right onto Avenue K which leads to Commercial Street
- 5) Trucks going southbound will be required to turn left onto Commercial Street or right onto Dearduff/Gum; the last option for trucks going southbound would be to turn left onto Van Buren Street, which leads to Commercial Street

C. These truck bypass routes will be marked by conspicuously posted signs beginning before the designated turnoff streets.

D. The penalty assessment for violating this ordinance will be punishable by up to a \$500 fine through Lovington Municipal Court.

ADOPTED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF LOVINGTON ON 9<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JUNE, 2025.

ATTEST:

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Robbie Roberts, Mayor

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Shannon Lester, City clerk