

ORDINANCE NO.2015-06

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CANTON, TEXAS, AMENDING SEC. 70-14 OF THE CITY OF CANTON CODE OF ORDINANCES; REGULATING CLASSES AND KINDS OF TRAFFIC ON CERTAIN STREETS WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS; FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING A PENALTY NOT TO EXCEED \$200.00 PER VIOLATION; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

**WHEREAS**, streets within the city limits of the City of Canton are not designed for trucks carrying heavy loads and damage to city streets often results; and

**WHEREAS**, trucks carrying heavy loads create public safety concerns for the city; and

**WHEREAS**, the public safety and welfare will be benefitted by the regulation of overweight trucks within the City of Canton; and

**WHEREAS**, it has become more common for passenger trucks used for non-commercial purposes to exceed the current weight limit of 10,000 pounds.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CANTON, TEXAS:**

**SECTION I**

That Section 70-14 of the City of Canton Code of Ordinances be amended to read as follows:

**§ 70.14 TRUCKS; WEIGHT LIMITATIONS.**

(A) *Purpose.* This section is adopted to protect residential streets from vehicles of excess weight.

(B) *Regulation.* It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a truck with a gross weight exceeding 11,500 pounds upon any residential street or parts of a residential street within the city limits of Canton, Texas.

(C) *Exception.* Trucks used for delivery to a residence will be excluded.

(D) *Penalty.* Every person convicted of a violation of this section shall be punished by a fine of not exceeding \$200.

**SECTION II. Effective Date**

The City Manager of the City of Canton is hereby authorized and directed to cause a true and correct copy of the caption, penalties and effective date of this Ordinance to be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the City of Canton, Texas, prior to its effective date. Following the publication, this ordinance shall be in full force and effect.

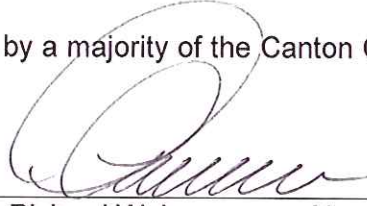
**SECTION III. Repeal of Conflicting Ordinances**

All other ordinances or parts of ordinances conflicting with any of the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

**SECTION IV. Severability Clause**

If any section, subsection, phrase, sentence or portion of this Ordinance is for any held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision and such holdings shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

**PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED** by a majority of the Canton City Council on this the 21st day of April, 2015.



Richard W. Lawrence, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Debra Johnson, City Secretary