

ORDINANCE NO. 207

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE OPERATION ON THE STREETS OF THE CITY, WITHOUT A PERMIT, OF ANY VEHICLE WITH A GROSS WEIGHT IN EXCESS OF 20,000 POUNDS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD IN BAY COUNTY, FLORIDA:

PREAMBLE: This Ordinance is an emergency ordinance for the immediate protection of the streets of this City, and the emergency requiring its passage is the continued and threatened use of city streets by vehicles of weights and in a manner for which said streets are not constructed and designed. The uncontrolled and indiscriminate use of the streets of the city which are basically designed to carry private vehicles and vehicles used in light commercial work will severely injure and damage said streets, thereby defeating the very purpose for which they have been built. It is recognized that under certain circumstances vehicles with gross weights in excess of the maximum set forth herein are required to travel the streets of this City in order to serve some overriding specific purpose and, therefore, the City, by this ordinance, shall vest in its Mayor and the Commission the authority to issue special permits for overloads when the issuing of said permits will serve the best interest of all concerned.

SECTION 1. No vehicle shall be driven or moved on any hard surfaced street or highway in the City without a permit hereinafter provided, if the gross weight of said vehicle exceeds 20,000 pounds.

SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall not be applicable to the streets of this City that are subject to and maintained by the State of Florida.

SECTION 3. The penalty for violating this Ordinance shall be as prescribed by the general penalty provision of the Code of this City.

SECTION 4. The Mayor or, upon his refusal or inability to act, the City Commission shall have the right to grant a special

permit allowing vehicles with maximum weights in excess of the maximum established by this ordinance to be driven or moved on the streets of this City. However, said permit shall be limited as to time and as to particular streets or portions of streets to be utilized by said overweight vehicle, and each permit must state the equities upon which the permit is granted. No such permit shall be issued for any period in excess of 30 days; however, said permit may be extended from time to time within the discretion of the Mayor or the City Commission.

SECTION 5. The Mayor, or the City Commission in the absence of action on the part of the Mayor, shall set a permit fee based upon a reasonable estimate of the additional wear and tear contemplated by the use of said streets as authorized by said permit. In addition, the Mayor or, in the absence of action on the part of the Mayor, the City Commission may require a bond with acceptable sureties in an amount to be determined within the discretion of the Mayor or the City Commission to cover any unforeseen damages which may accrue as a result of the use authorized by said permit.

SECTION 6. This Ordinance is an emergency ordinance and shall take effect immediately.

PASSED IN Regular Session by the City Commission of the City of Springfield in Bay County, Florida, at 6:35 P .m. this 3rd day of March, 1975.

ATTEST:

Oliver B. Johnson
City Clerk

B. M. McEwen
Mayor

EXAMINED AND APPROVED by me this 3rd day of March, 1975.

B. M. McEwen
Mayor

POSTED AT:

DATE:

City Hall

March 3rd, 1975