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DATE: July 2, 2021

TO: Mayor Ellen Zoppo-Sassu  
Board of Public Works

FROM: Raymond A. Rogozinski, P.E., Director of Public Works

RE: DPW/PD Communication - City Roads / Truck Access

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Please find attached a copy of email correspondence from the Police Traffic unit pertaining to truck traffic in the City. It is provided in response to questions from the BPW at last month's meeting.

Based on the correspondence the only "No through truck" route in Bristol is Dorothy Road between Vance and Mix St. In addition, per Ct General Statute 14-162. trucks 53 feet in length would not be allowed to travel from Route 6 to Mix St. Complaints of out of town rubbish trucks utilizing Redstone Hill Road will be a challenge to restrict under current regulations since they are less than 53 feet in length.

Link to through truck regulations provided below:

[Through Truck Prohibitions \(ct.gov\)](#)

Please feel free to contact me with any questions at 860-584-6113.

From: Matthew Moskowitz  
Sent: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 1:17 PM  
To: Raymond Rogozinski  
Subject: Through Truck revised  
Attachments: 14-262.docx

Ray,

Under Connecticut General Statute 14-262, there is language explaining the maximum length of trailers and tractor trailers. Basically, a single unit truck's maximum length shall be 45 feet. The maximum length of a trailer portion of a tractor trailer shall be 48 feet including load. A trailer greater than 48 feet but less than or equal to 53 feet can be operated on national and state routes unless otherwise posted as long as the measurement from the kingpin (where it attaches to the tractor portion) to the center of the rear axle is 43 feet. These vehicles can also divert for up to one mile from state and national routes for delivery, pick-up, fuel, food and rest.

I attached the Connecticut General Statute for you to read and highlighted the wording that applies to the conversation we had a week ago regarding truck traffic on Peacedale Street and Redstone Hill Road. I have also attached a link to the State of Connecticut website regarding No Through Truck routes. The Office of the State Traffic Control Administration determines these routes after a request is sent to them from the local traffic authority. The only No Through Truck route is on Dorothy Road between Vance Road and Mix Street. This No Through Truck route was established in 1976 and is .31 miles long.

Peacedale Street for instance is 2 miles from Route 6 at Mix Street. According to state statute 53 foot tractor trailer trucks delivering to Firestone on James P. Casey Road would not be allowed to travel this route. Firestone is 3.8 miles off Route 6. at Mix Street. Tractor- trailers with a length of 53 feet should not travel on this roadway. The more appropriate route would be Route 6 to Clarke Avenue for all business done at Firestone located on James P. Casey Road. All 48 foot and under tractor trailers would be permitted to use either route. As far as Redstone Hill Road is concerned, the trucks have to meet the requirement for length to be told they would need to seek an alternate route. By definition a "Through

Truck” is also one that has come from somewhere outside the city limits and passes through the city without making any stops. If the trucks on Redstone Hill are making a stop at a location in Bristol for business then this would not be classified as a “Through truck”.

Through Truck Prohibitions (ct.gov)

I hope this helps and let me know if you have any other questions.

Lt. Matthew Moskowitz  
Traffic Division Commander  
Bristol Police Department

# Connecticut General Statutes 14-262 – Width and length of vehicles. Exceptions. Permits

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(a) The following vehicles shall not be operated upon any highway or bridge without a special written permit from the Commissioner of Transportation, as provided in [§ 14-270](#), specifying the conditions under which they may be so operated:

## Terms Used In Connecticut General Statutes 14-262

- **farm**: includes farm buildings, and accessory buildings thereto, nurseries, orchards, ranges, greenhouses, hoophouses and other temporary structures or other structures used primarily for the raising and, as an incident to ordinary farming operations, the sale of agricultural or horticultural commodities.

See [Connecticut General Statutes 1-1](#)

(1) A vehicle, combination of vehicle and trailer or commercial vehicle combination, including each such vehicle's load, which is wider than one hundred two inches or its approximate metric equivalent of two and six-tenths meters or one hundred two and thirty-six-hundredths inches, including its load, but not including the following safety devices: Reasonably sized rear view mirrors, turn signals, steps and handholds for entry and egress, spray and splash suppressant devices, load-induced tire bulge and any other state-approved safety device which the Commissioner of Transportation determines is necessary for the safe and efficient operation of such a vehicle or combination, provided no such state-approved safety device protrudes more than three inches from each side of the vehicle or provided no such device has by its design or use the capability to carry cargo. Such permit shall not be required in the case of (A) **farm** equipment, (B) a vehicle or combination of vehicle and trailer loaded with hay or straw, (C) a school bus equipped with a folding stop sign or exterior mirror, as approved by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, which results in a combined width of bus and sign or bus and mirror in excess of that established by this subsection, (D) a trailer designed and used exclusively

for transporting boats when the gross weight of such boats does not exceed four thousand pounds, (E) a recreation vehicle with appurtenances, including safety devices and retracted shade awnings, no greater than six inches on each side for a maximum allowance of twelve inches, or (F) a vehicle with an attached snow plow, provided the snow plow may not exceed one hundred forty-four inches in width; and

(2) A combination of truck and trailer which is longer than sixty-five feet

except (A) a combination of truck and trailer or tractor and semitrailer loaded with utility poles, both trailer and semitrailer having a maximum length of forty-eight feet, utility poles having a maximum length of fifty feet and the overall length not to exceed eighty feet, (B) a trailer designed and used exclusively for transporting boats when the gross weight of such boats does not exceed four thousand pounds, (C) a tractor-trailer unit, (D) a commercial vehicle combination, (E) combinations of vehicles considered as specialized equipment in 23 CFR 658.13(e), as amended, having a maximum overall length of sixty-five feet on traditional automobile transporters, with the fifth wheel located on the tractor frame over the rear axle or axles, including low boys, or a maximum overall length of seventy-five feet on stinger-steered automobile transporters, excluding front and rear cargo overhangs, provided the front cargo overhang shall not exceed three feet and the rear overhang shall not exceed four feet. Extendable ramps used to achieve such three-foot front overhang and four-foot rear overhang shall be excluded from the measurement of overall length and shall be retracted when they are not supporting vehicles, or (F) a tractor equipped with a dromedary box operated in combination with a semitrailer which tractor and semitrailer do not exceed seventy-five feet in overall length.

(b) A special written permit may not be issued by the Commissioner of Transportation for a combination of vehicles consisting of a vehicle drawing a

combination of three or more trailers or semitrailers, except any such combination engaged in the transportation of an indivisible load.

(c) The maximum length, including load, of a single unit vehicle shall be forty-five feet and the maximum length, including load, of the semitrailer portion of a tractor-trailer unit shall be forty-eight feet. A trailer greater than forty-eight feet and less than or equal to fifty-three feet in length, that has a distance of no more than forty-three feet between the kingpin and the center of the rearmost axle with wheels in contact with the road surface, may be operated on (1) unless posted otherwise, United States and Connecticut routes numbered from 1 to 399, inclusive, 450, 476, 508, 693 and 695 and the national system of interstate and defense highways, and (2) state and local roads for up to one mile from the routes and system specified in subdivision (1) of this subsection for access to terminals, facilities for food, fuel, repair and rest, and points of loading and unloading. The Commissioner of Transportation shall permit additional routes upon application of carriers or shippers provided the proposed additional routes meet the permit criteria of the Department of Transportation. Such length limitation shall be exclusive of safety and energy conservation devices, such as refrigeration units, air compressors or air shields and other devices, which the Secretary of the federal Department of Transportation may interpret as necessary for the safe and efficient operation of such vehicles, provided no such device has by its design or use the capability to carry cargo.

(d) Violation of any provision of this section shall be subject to a fine of five hundred dollars.