

**140. AN ORDINANCE REGULATING TRUCK TRAFFIC IN THE CITY OF GROTON  
(INITIALLY APPROVED MARCH 4, 2002; FINALLY APPROVED APRIL 1, 2002)**

**WHEREAS**, large trucks have occasion to frequently pass through the City of Groton going to or from the large industrial facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, major highway arteries are available to serve large traffic; which happen to be designated state highways; and

**WHEREAS**, large trucks frequently ignore the major highway in favor of local residential streets, causing costly wear and tear on the local roadways, increased maintenance costs, noise and safety problems in residential neighborhoods; and

**WHEREAS**, this Ordinance, “An Ordinance Regulating Truck Traffic in the City of Groton” was **initially** approved at the Mayor and Council meeting held on March 4, 2002 and was published in *The Day*, a newspaper having circulation in the City of Groton on March 8, 2002 and March 16, 2002;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council **finally** approve the following Ordinance entitled “An Ordinance Regulating Truck Traffic in the City of Groton” and that this Ordinance (Ordinance #140) become effective April 1, 2002:

No truck having a gross weight of 20,000 pounds or more shall be operated on any local streets in the City of Groton unless to make a delivery on a local street; and

Such trucks shall operate only on State highways located in the City of Groton; and

The term “trucks” shall include but not be limited to a commercially operated or licensed vehicle having a gross weight of 20,000 pounds or more; and

“Trucks” shall not include police, fire, ambulance, emergency, educational, municipal or local shuttle vehicles; and

The Mayor and City Council shall have the power from time to time to allow or restrict truck traffic on any other roads in the City of Groton by resolution after public hearing, considering:

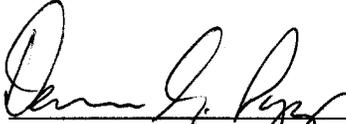
1. The availability of alternate routes for truck traffic;
2. Land use of the roadway in question;
3. Neighborhood character;
4. Width, horizontal and vertical alignment of the roadway;
5. Pavement, construction and ability of the roadway to withstand heavy vehicles; and
6. Such other standards as are recognized by professional traffic engineers.

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Nothing herein shall prevent public safety officials rerouting truck traffic on a temporary basis;  
and

Nothing in this Ordinance is intended to usurp State or Federal laws or regulations regarding transportation; and

Any person violating the terms of this Ordinance (Ordinance #140) shall be fined One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) for each offense.

  
Dennis L. Popp, Mayor

  
Debra Patrick, City Clerk