

**CITY COUNCIL**

**The City of Orange Township, New Jersey**

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NUMBER 64-2025

**TITLE: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION §200-37, SUBSECTION B, RESTRICTION OF COMMERCIAL TRUCKS IN SCHOOL ZONES, OF THE CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP CITY CODE**

**WHEREAS**, it is the policy of the City of Orange Township to regulate, in a manner consistent with the interests of the citizens of the City of Orange Township, the restriction of Commercial Trucks in School Zones;

**WHEREAS**, this regulation is to ensure the safety of school children and other pedestrians;

**WHEREAS**, there has been an increase in Public Transportation Buses and Private Commercial Passenger Buses passing through School Zones;

**WHEREAS**, these Public Transportation Buses and Private Commercial Passenger Buses create the same danger and hazards as Commercial Trucks;

**WHEREAS**, the below changes will prohibit Public Transportation Buses and Private Commercial Passenger Buses in the same manner that Commercial Trucks are prohibited from being in School Zones during School Hours.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED**, that Section §200-37, Subsection B, of the Code of the City of Orange Township be amended and supplemented as follows; and

*200-37 Schedule VI: Truck and Public Transportation Buses/Private Commercial Passenger Buses Exclusions*

B. Restriction of Commercial Trucks and Public Transportation Buses/Commercial Passenger Buses in School Zones.

(1) Definitions. For purposes of this section, the following definitions shall apply:

**COMMERCIAL TRUCKS**

In accordance with the provisions of §200-11A, all trucks or commercial vehicles in excess of the indicated maximum gross weights are hereby excluded from the following streets or parts of streets

**PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION BUSES/PRIVATECOMMERCIAL PASSENGER BUSES**

A Public Transportation Bus and a Private Commercial Passenger Bus is a vehicle used for business purposes to transport more than 8 people for fare or for hire.

**SCHOOL ZONE**

As defined N.J.S.A. 39:1-1, the State Statutory Definition of School.

**SCHOOL HOURS**

The period from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on days when school is in session.

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(2) Restrictions.

- (a) Prohibited Operation: No commercial truck or Public Transportation Bus/Private Commercial Passenger Bus shall operate on any road within a designated school zone during school hours.
- (b) Signage: Appropriate signage indicating "No Commercial Trucks During School Hours" and "No Public Transportation Buses/Private Commercial Passenger Buses" shall be installed at all entry points to school zones.
- (c) Exceptions: Emergency vehicles and school buses ~~and public transportation buses~~ are exempt from this restriction. Commercial trucks making local deliveries or pickups within the school zone may be exempt, provided no alternative route is feasible

(3) Enforcement and Penalties.

- (a) Enforcement: The Orange Township Police Department shall enforce the provisions of this section.
- (b) Penalties: Any person found in violation of this section shall be subject to a fine of up to \$500 for each offense. Repeat offenders may face increased fines and potential impoundment of the vehicle

(4) Implementation. This section shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and publication as required by law. The City Council directs the appropriate municipal departments to take necessary actions for the installation of signage and dissemination of information regarding this restriction. [Adopted 7-1-2024 by Ord. No. 27-2024]

(5) Purpose The purpose of this section is to restrict the operation of heavy trucks and Public Transportation Buses/Private Commercial Passenger Buses on roads within designated school zones in the City of Orange Township to enhance the safety and security of school children and other pedestrians.

**Purpose:** To prohibit Public Transportation Buses and Private Commercial Passenger Buses in School Zones.

**Fiscal Impact:** None.

**Adopted:**

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**Council President**

**Approved:**

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