

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MORENO VALLEY, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 12.36 (TRUCK ROUTES) TO TITLE 12 (VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC) OF THE MORENO VALLEY MUNICIPAL CODE TO IMPLEMENT THE CIRCULATION ELEMENT OF THE CITY'S GENERAL PLAN CONSISTENT WITH ASSEMBLY BILL 98 AND SENATE BILL 415

WHEREAS, the City of Moreno Valley ("City") is a general law city and a municipal corporation of the State of California, and

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 98 and Senate Bill 415 (collectively "AB 98") require jurisdictions to identify and establish designated truck routes that facilitate the movement of goods while minimizing impacts on residential neighborhoods and sensitive receptors; and

WHEREAS, in April and May of 2025, the City Council took the appropriate actions to approve the 2024 MoVal 2024 Project, consisting of the 2024 Moreno Valley General Plan Update, 2024 Associated Zoning Text Amendments to Title 9 (Planning & Zoning) and Zoning Atlas Amendments, and 2024 Climate Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, the 2024 General Plan Update (2024 GPU), is a comprehensive General Plan Update that includes a Circulation Element, and articulates a vision for the City's growth over the next 20 years, which includes the implementation of five new General Plan land use designations consisting of Business-Flex, Corridor Mixed Use, Center Mixed Use, Downtown Center, and Highway Office/Commercial; and

WHEREAS, the 2024 Climate Action Plan (2024 CAP) describes and demonstrates how the City will comply with the State's greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reduction standards and goals and streamline environmental review of certain future development projects; and

WHEREAS, the 2024 Associated Zoning Text and Zoning Atlas Amendments implement the land use policies and regulations, such as but not limited to zoning and development standards, and the goals and objectives set forth and described in the 2024 GPU; and

WHEREAS, in compliance with Assembly Bill 98 and Senate Bill 415, which calls for cities to clearly identify truck routes that can safely handle goods movement while minimizing impacts on neighborhoods, schools, and other sensitive receptor areas, in relation to logistics warehouse facilities, staff has prepared proposed amendments to the Circulation Element of the 2024 General Plan (General Plan Amendment (PEN26-0058)) and this Ordinance amending Chapter 12.36 (Truck Routes) of Title 12 (Vehicles and Traffic) of the City's Municipal Code regarding truck routes (Municipal Code Amendment PEN26-00____) (collectively, "Proposed Project"); and

WHEREAS, General Plan Amendment (PEN26-0058) is intended to implement the provisions of Assembly Bill 98 and Senate Bill 415 pertaining to truck traffic and truck routes associated with logistics warehouse facilities to protect sensitive receptors from the impacts of such truck traffic and truck routes, in addition to updating various policies related to the movement of goods and establishing a designated truck routes network that promotes efficient freight movement in compliance with state and federal laws and regulations applicable to such truck traffic and truck routes; and

WHEREAS, General Plan Amendment (PEN26-0058) is also intended to implement Senate Bill 932 by incorporating policies related to multi-modal Transportation and implementation into the Circulation Element; and

WHEREAS, General Plan Amendment (PEN26-0058) includes a revised Truck Routes Map, along with additional revisions to the Circulation Element to improve clarity, update technical information, maintain internal consistency with the General Plan, and reflect current transportation conditions, programs, and best practices; and

WHEREAS, staff prepared Municipal Code Amendment (PEN26-00____) to amend Chapter 12.36 (Truck Routes) of the Moreno Valley Municipal Code to establish objective standards for truck circulation and identify designated truck routes throughout the City; and

WHEREAS, Municipal Code Amendment (PEN26-00____) is intended to implement General Plan Amendment (PEN26-0058) to improve goods movement, reduce truck traffic near sensitive receptors, and support compliance with applicable State law; and

WHEREAS, staff has determined that an Addendum is the appropriate CEQA documentation for the Proposed Project, consisting of General Plan Amendment (PEN26-0058) and Municipal Code Amendment (PEN26-00____), since no major revisions to the 2024 RFEIR are necessary and none of the conditions described in CEQA Guidelines Section 15162 calling for the preparation of a subsequent or supplemental EIR (SEIR) are triggered in that the Proposed Project will not result in any new significant impacts and/or more severe impacts that were not disclosed, analyzed and mitigated for in the 2024 RFEIR, the potential impacts associated with the Proposed Project would either be the same or less than those described in the 2024 RFEIR, and no substantial changes to the circumstances under which the Proposed Project would be undertaken that will result in new or more severe environmental impacts than those previously addressed in the 2024 RFEIR, and no new information regarding the potential for new or more severe significant environmental impacts have been identified; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 9.02.200 of the Moreno Valley Municipal Code and Government Code Section 65353, a duly noticed public hearing before the Planning Commission was scheduled for August 13, 2026, regarding the Proposed Project, with notice thereof duly provided in accordance with applicable law; and

WHEREAS, on August 13, 2026, the Planning Commission conducted a duly noticed public hearing at which all interested persons were afforded an opportunity to testify and present evidence regarding the Proposed Project and the Addendum; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission has reviewed and considered the Proposed Project, Addendum, Revised Final Program Environmental Impact Report for the 2024 MoVal 2040 Project (State Clearinghouse No. 2020039022), related staff reports, public testimony, and the entire administrative record before making its recommendation to the City Council.

NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MORENO VALLEY DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. RECITALS

The above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein as though set forth at length herein.

Section 2. AUTHORITY

This Ordinance is adopted pursuant to Article XI, Section 7 of the California Constitution, California Government Code Section 37100, California Vehicle Code Sections 35701 through 35718, and all other applicable laws.

Section 3. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Ordinance is to implement the Circulation Element of the City's General Plan and establish a comprehensive framework for the safe and efficient movement of goods throughout Moreno Valley. The regulations contained herein are intended to maximize the use of freeways, highways, arterials, and designated truck routes; reduce truck traffic on local residential streets; and protect sensitive receptors from truck-related traffic, air quality, noise, and safety impacts. This Ordinance further supports the implementation of Assembly Bill 98, Senate Bill 415, and future State legislation related to goods movement and warehouse development, while establishing objective standards for truck circulation associated with logistics and warehouse facilities within the City.

**Section 4. AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 12.36 (TRUCK ROUTES) OF
TITLE 12 (VEHICLES & TRAFFIC) OF THE MORENO VALLEY
MUNICIPAL CODE**

Chapter 12.36 (Truck Routes) of Title 12 (Vehicles and Traffic) of the Moreno Valley Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

Chapter 12.36 Truck Routes

A. Purpose

The purpose of this Chapter is to establish a comprehensive truck routes

system and operational framework governing truck circulation within the City.

B. Definitions.

For the purpose of this section, unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the words and phrases used herein shall have the following meanings:

1. "Designated truck route" means any roadway identified on the Official Moreno Valley Truck Routes Map.
2. "Heavy-duty truck" shall have the same meaning established in Section 9.05.060 of the Moreno Valley Municipal Code.
3. "Logistics use development" or "logistics use facility" shall have the same meaning established in Section 9.05.060 of the Moreno Valley Municipal Code.
4. "Logistics park" shall have the same meaning established in Section 9.05.060 of the Moreno Valley Municipal Code.
5. "Sensitive receptor" shall have the same meaning established in Section 9.05.060 of the Moreno Valley Municipal Code.
6. "Truck access study" means a study evaluating truck circulation, routing, freeway access, queueing, safety, and impacts on sensitive receptors.
7. "Truck routing and operations plan" means a plan identifying designated truck routes, truck circulation patterns, operational procedures, and measures to prevent truck parking, truck queueing, and circulation through residential neighborhoods.
8. "Truck queueing" means the staging or accumulation of trucks on public streets while awaiting access to a logistics use facility.
9. "Truck staging area" means an on-site area designed to accommodate waiting trucks.

E. Applicability

1. The provisions of this chapter shall apply to the following:
 - a. Heavy-duty trucks operating within the City.
 - b. Logistics use facilities.
 - c. Logistics parks.
 - d. Distribution centers.
 - e. Warehouses.
 - f. Trucking facilities.
 - g. Projects subject to AB 98.

2. The provisions of this chapter shall not apply to the following:

- a. Emergency vehicles.
- b. Public utility vehicles.
- c. Public agency vehicles.
- d. School buses.
- e. Public transit vehicles.
- f. Refuse collection vehicles.
- g. Construction vehicles providing service to a permitted project.
- h. Vehicles making local deliveries using the shortest practical route.

F. Official Truck Routes System

A. The Official Moreno Valley Truck Routes Map is hereby incorporated by reference.

B. Designated truck routes shall include all roadways identified on the Official Truck Routes Map and future amendments approved by City Council resolution.

C. The Public Works Director may make administrative corrections that do not materially alter the operation of the truck routes system.

D. The Public Works Director or City Engineer shall install and maintain truck routes signs and traffic control devices necessary to implement this Chapter.

G. Truck Routes Requirements

A. Heavy-duty trucks shall utilize designated truck routes as identified on the Official Moreno Valley Truck Routes Map. Except as otherwise provided in this Chapter, trucks shall travel between the designated truck routes and their origin or destination using the shortest practical route.

B. The Official Moreno Valley Truck Routes Map is incorporated herein by reference. Administrative corrections made by the Public Works Director or designee shall be limited to correcting drafting errors, street name changes, or other non-substantive revisions and shall not modify designated truck routes or alter truck routes designations. Any modification to a designated truck route shall require approval by the City Council.

C. Trucks shall access logistics use facilities using designated truck routes to the maximum extent feasible.

D. Truck traffic through residential neighborhoods shall be prohibited except when necessary for local deliveries or where no feasible alternative route exists.

E. Truck parking on public streets outside designated truck staging areas shall be prohibited except as otherwise authorized by law.

H. Truck Routes Signage

A. Truck routes signage shall be installed at locations determined by the Public Works Director or City Engineer.

B. Truck routes signs, pavement markings, and other traffic control devices shall be installed and maintained in accordance with the California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CA MUTCD) and applicable City engineering standards.

Signs shall include, as applicable:

1. Truck routes identification signs.
2. Directional truck routes signs.
3. Truck parking signs.
4. No-idling signs.
5. Truck restriction signs.
6. Freeway access signs.

C. Logistics use facilities shall install truck routes signs on private property where required by the City.

I. Truck Routing and Operations Plans

A. A Truck Routing and Operations Plan shall be required for:

1. Logistics use facilities.
2. Warehouse developments.
3. Distribution facilities.
4. Projects subject to AB 98.
5. Projects generating significant truck traffic as determined by the City Engineer.

B. The Truck Routing and Operations Plan shall include:

1. Estimated daily truck trips.
2. Peak-hour truck trips.
3. Truck ingress and egress routes.
4. Freeway access routes.
5. Queueing analysis.
6. Truck staging locations.

7. Sensitive receptor analysis.
8. Signage program.
9. Idling reduction measures.
10. Emergency access procedures.

C. The Truck Routing and Operations Plan shall demonstrate consistency with the Official Truck Routes Map.

D. Facility operators shall communicate approved Truck Routing Plans to all carriers, dispatchers, tenants, contractors, and operators serving the facility.

J. Warehouse and Logistics Access Standards

A. Logistics use facilities shall provide direct access to designated truck routes.

B. Truck access through local residential streets shall be prohibited unless approved by the Public Works Director or City Engineer.

C. Truck queueing on public streets is prohibited.

D. Truck loading, unloading, and staging shall occur entirely on private property.

E. Truck circulation shall be designed to minimize conflicts with pedestrians, bicyclists, and transit users.

K. Sensitive Receptor Protection Standards

A. Truck routing shall avoid sensitive receptors to the maximum extent feasible.

B. The City shall establish, as determined necessary by the Public Works Director or the City Engineer:

1. Turn restrictions.
2. School-hour truck restrictions.
3. Time-of-day operational restrictions.
4. No-idling zones.
5. Enhanced signage.
6. Traffic control measures.

C. New logistics use facilities shall demonstrate consistency with the City's Official Truck Routes Map and applicable separation requirements established by State law and Municipal Code Section 9.05.060, whichever is more stringent.

L. Temporary Truck Routes

The Public Works Director may establish temporary truck routes and detours during emergencies, roadway closures, maintenance activities, or construction projects.

M. Administrative Authority

The Public Works Director, City Engineer, and Community Development Director are authorized to adopt administrative procedures necessary to implement this Chapter.

N. Violations and Enforcement

A. Violations of this Chapter constitute violations of the Moreno Valley Municipal Code.

B. Violations shall be enforced, as determined appropriate by the Public Works Director, through:

1. Administrative citations.
2. Civil remedies.
3. Conditions of approval enforcement.
4. Business license enforcement.
5. Any other lawful enforcement mechanism as determined by the Public Works Director.

C. Repeated violations of an approved Truck Routing Plan by a logistics use facility operator shall constitute a violation of the facility's conditions of approval.

D. Each day a violation continues shall constitute a separate violation.

Section 5. SEVERABILITY

That the City Council declares that, should any provision, section, paragraph, sentence or word of this Ordinance be rendered or declared invalid by any final court action in a court of competent jurisdiction or by reason of any preemptive legislation, the remaining provisions, sections, paragraphs, sentences or words of this ordinance as hereby adopted shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 6. REPEAL OF CONFLICTING PROVISIONS

That all the provisions of the Municipal Code as heretofore adopted by the City of Moreno Valley that are in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 7. EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after the date of its second reading.

Section 8. CERTIFICATION

That the City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Ordinance, enter the same in the book for original ordinances of the City, and make a minute of passage and adoption thereof in the records of the proceedings of the City Council, in the minutes of the meeting at which this Ordinance is passed and adopted.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of ____ 2026.

Ulises
Cabrera
Mayor
City of Moreno Valley

ATTEST:
