ORDINANCE NO. 185

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSITY PLACE, WASHINGTON, ESTABLISHING A TRUCK LOAD WEIGHT LIMIT ON CHAMBERS CREEK ROAD FROM CHAMBERS CREEK LANE TO 67TH AVENUE WEST

WHEREAS, it is in the interests of the public health, safety and welfare to limit the weight of vehicles traveling on residential streets in the City of University Place; and

WHEREAS, Chambers Creek Road from Chambers Creek Lane to 67th Avenue West is located in a residential neighborhood and was designed and constructed for normal residential traffic; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has received continuous complaints regarding heavy truck traffic on Chambers Creek Road from Chambers Lane to 67th Avenue West; and

WHEREAS, trucks with a gross weight in excess of 10,000 pounds contribute to the rapid deterioration and destruction of residential streets; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable to protect residential areas from noise pollution caused by frequent heavy truck traffic; and

WHEREAS, the weight limits imposed by this ordinance have been evaluated under the State Environmental Policy Act, a final determination of non-significance has been issued by the responsible official, and the public comment period has expired; NOW, THEREFORE,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSITY PLACE, WASHINGTON, DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. <u>Weight Limit Established.</u> All through travel by motor trucks, with or without trailers, having a gross weight in excess of 10,000 pounds, is hereby prohibited on Chambers Creek Road West between Chambers Lane West to 67th Avenue West; with the exceptions set forth in Section 2 below.

Section 2. Exceptions to Weight Limit. The following vehicles are exempt from the weight limit established by Section 1 on Chambers Creek Road West: school buses, emergency vehicles, or trucks delivering perishable commodities or commodities necessary for the health and welfare of local residents; provided such vehicles are used for local transport, service or delivery to locations which are accessed from Chambers Creek Road West between Chambers Lane West and 67th Avenue West.

Section 3. <u>Posting of Signs.</u> The Department of Public Works shall post signs at each end of that portion of Chambers Creek Road subject to the weight limit and at other appropriate locations. This ordinance shall not become effective until such signs are in place.

Section 4. <u>Enforcement.</u> Any duly authorized police officer of the City of University Place, having probable cause to believe that a vehicle is violating this ordinance, shall have the authority to stop any such vehicle to determine (a) its point of origin and destination, and (b) its weight. The officer has authority to order that a vehicle be driven to a public or private scale to be weighed.

Section 5. <u>Violations.</u> A violation of this ordinance shall be a traffic infraction, punishable by the fines and penalties set forth in RCW 46.44.105 as amended.

Section 6. <u>Publication and Effective Date.</u> A summary of this ordinance consisting of its title shall be published in the official newspaper of the City. This ordinance shall be effective when the signs required by Section 3 are in place, but no sooner than five days after publication.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSITY PLACE, WASHINGTON THIS 20th DAY OF JANUARY 1998.

Debbie Klosowski, Mayor

ATTEST:

Susan Matthew, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Timothy X. Sullivan, City Attorney

Publication Date:

1/22/98

Effective Date:

1/27/98