
1080 Restriction on Highway Usage and Truck Route Appeal Process

1080.1 PURPOSE

The purpose of this Guideline is to provide clear understanding about restriction on highway usage and the appeal process per Arizona Revised Statutes (ARS) 28-1106.

1080.2 PROCESS

- Local authority with respect to highways under its jurisdiction may prohibit the operation of a vehicle on the highway or impose restrictions as to the weight of a vehicle to be operated on the highway. Reasons for restrictions can be deterioration of roadway condition, rain, snow or other climatic conditions that could seriously damage or destroy the roadway unless the use of vehicles on the highway is prohibited or the permissible weights of the vehicles are reduced.
- A local authority with respect to highways under its jurisdiction may prohibit by ordinance or resolution the operation of trucks or other commercial vehicles or may impose limitations as to the weight of vehicles on designated highways. The local authority shall place appropriate signs on the highway to designate the prohibitions and limitations at each end of the portion affected by the ordinance or resolution of the restrictions.
- The Director or Local authority may restrict or prohibit a vehicle of legal size from operating on a highway that is a major arterial street connects two or more local jurisdiction. However, if a highway does not have a truck restriction before being annexed by a local authority or is otherwise transferred to a local authority, the restriction may not be incorporated into an existing truck restriction that is passed by local jurisdiction prior to annexation. Local authority is obligated to conduct a traffic engineering analysis for such restriction to show that a vehicle of legal size or over weight may not operate safely on the highway due to bridge weight restrictions or geometric constraints on the roadway.
- Upon receive of the engineering analysis from the Local authority; documentations will be forward to ADOT/Bridge Group for review of truck loads /weights and ADOT Roadway Group for geometric constraints. This information will be used to make a final decision to allow or disallow the restriction.
- In the event a person provides a written request to the Department to review the engineering analysis of a route restriction issued by the local authority for a vehicle of legal size, the Department will have ninety days to request the engineering analysis conducted by the Local authority for review and approval. Based on the engineering analysis, the Department will respond in writing and confirm whether or not restriction has been approved.

1080.3 Request for Review

- Reviews of routes restrictions requests can be formally submitted through Enforcement and Compliance Division website.