

Through Truck Restriction Program

In accordance with section [46.2-809](#) of the Code of Virginia through trucks can be restricted on certain primary and secondary routes in the limited number of cases where doing so will promote the health, safety and welfare of the public without creating an undue hardship on any transportation users. Such restriction may apply to any truck or truck and trailer or semitrailer combination, except a pickup or panel truck that has no point of origin or destination along the subject route.

For a request to be considered by VDOT, and in order to insure that all concerned parties have an opportunity to provide input concerning the proposed restriction and alternate routing, the Board of Supervisors must hold a public hearing and make a formal request to the Department through the VDOT Residency Administrator.

The Department will conduct a traffic engineering study of the restriction request and develop a final report and recommendation to approve or deny the proposed restriction. This report and a recommendation to approve or deny the proposed restriction will be presented to the Commissioner if the request is on a secondary road and the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) if the request is on a primary road.

Following approval or denial by the Commissioner or CTB the Department will make the appropriate notifications and post the necessary signs if the restriction is approved.

In accordance with guidelines established by the CTB the local governing body must hold a public hearing, submit a formal request to the Department with an adopted resolution and agree to use its offices for enforcement of the proposed restriction by the appropriate local law enforcement.

Failure to follow these requirements generally means that the process will need to be repeated until all requirements are met.

The Guidelines also outline criteria to be used by the Department in evaluating a request. The criteria address the appropriateness of truck travel on the proposed restriction as well as the alternate routes in terms of engineering and safety of the roadway, impacts on commerce as well as the nature and extent of roadside development and traffic-related impacts.

The Department is mandated to act upon a request within 9 months and incurs all installation and maintenance costs for signage out of its operating budgets.

The complete requirements for requesting a restriction for through trucks as well as the evaluation by the Department are outlined in "[Guidelines for Considering Requests to Restrict Through Trucks on Primary and Secondary Highways.](#)"

For further information see [frequently asked questions](#).