

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-11

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 66, ARTICLE VI OF THE PORTER
TOWN CODE TO RESTRICT SEMI TRUCK TRAFFIC ON LINCOLN
STREET**

WHEREAS, the Town of Porter, Indiana (the “Town”) is a municipal corporation organized under the laws of the State of Indiana and possesses home rule authority under IC 36-1-3, *et seq.* to regulate matters affecting the health, safety, and welfare of its residents; and

WHEREAS, IC § 9-20-1-3(c) authorizes the Town with respect to highways under its jurisdiction to adopted an ordinance prohibiting the operation of trucks or other commercial vehicles and imposing limitations as to the weight, size, or use of those vehicles on designated highways, provided that any such prohibitions and limitations are designated by appropriate signs placed on the highways; and

WHEREAS, Town Code Sec. 66-2(a)(12) specifically authorizes the Town to adopt regulations to implement these prohibitions and limitations; and

WHEREAS, Town Code Sec. 66-147, currently prohibits trucks weighing five tons or more from using Lincoln Street and certain other streets except when making local deliveries; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council finds that semi-trucks (tractor-trailer combinations) traveling on Lincoln Street between Waverly Road and Wagner Road for purposes unrelated to deliveries or pickups on that portion of Lincoln Street contribute disproportionately to pavement damage, traffic safety hazards, and disturbance to the residential and business character of that street; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council finds it necessary and in the public interest to further restrict semi-truck traffic on Lincoln Street beyond the general weight restriction currently codified, by limiting semi-truck use of Lincoln Street to vehicles making a delivery or pickup to a business or residence actually located on Lincoln Street; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Town Code Sec. 66-2(b), an ordinance adopted under § 66-2(a)(12), and establishing the prohibitions and limitations allowed under IC § 9-20-1-3(c), becomes effective when signs giving notice of the restriction are posted at the entrances to the affected highway or street;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE
TOWN OF PORTER, INDIANA, AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. New Section Added. Chapter 66, Article VI (Weight Restrictions) of the Porter Town Code is hereby amended to add a new Sec. 66-147.1, to read as follows:

Sec. 66-147.1. Semi-trucks restricted on Lincoln Street; delivery exception.

(a) Definitions. For purposes of this section, “semi-truck” means a truck tractor and

semitrailer, or truck tractor and semitrailer and trailer, combination commonly known as a tractor-trailer, semitrailer truck, or eighteen-wheeler, whether or not the vehicle combination is loaded.

- (b) Prohibition. Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, no person shall drive or operate a semi-truck upon the following portion of Lincoln Street:

Street	From	To
Lincoln Street	Waverly Road	Wagner Road

- (c) Delivery exception. A semi-truck may be driven or operated upon the portion of Lincoln Street described in subsection (b) only when the vehicle is making a delivery or pickup to a business or residence physically located on that portion of Lincoln Street. A semi-truck operated under this exception shall enter and leave Lincoln Street by the most direct route available from Waverly Road or Wagner Road and shall travel upon Lincoln Street no farther than the minimum distance necessary to reach the business or residence being served.
- (d) Signs. In accordance with IC § 9-20-1-3(c), and Sec. 66-2(b), of the Town Code, this Section shall become effective, when signs giving notice of the restriction are posted at or near each entrance to Lincoln Street. The Public Works Superintendent or Street Commissioner is directed to erect and maintain such signs upon passage of this ordinance.
- (e) Penalty. A violation of this Section constitutes a Code violation punishable as provided in Sec. 1-8, and Sec. 66-153.
- (f) Relationship to other restrictions. This Section is in addition to, and not in lieu of, the weight restriction applicable to Lincoln Street under Sec.66-147(a)(10) and (b). To the extent this Section and Sec, 66-147, conflict as applied to a given vehicle, the more restrictive provision shall control.

Section 2. Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of any other part of this Ordinance which can be given effect without such invalid part or parts.

Section 3. Conflicting Ordinances. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 4. Effective Date. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect on January 1, 2027, subject to publication as required by law and the posting of signs as described in Subsection (d).

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Town Council of the Town of Porter, Indiana on the 25th day of August, 2026.

PORTER TOWN COUNCIL

/s/ William Lopez, President
/s/ Kelly Karriman, Vice President
/s/ James Burge
/s/ Don Craft
/s/ Laura Madigan

ATTEST:

/s/ Corinne M. Peffers, Clerk-Treasurer