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Legistar Item: 15-00254

To: Jim Kaplan, Chairman
Traffic Commission

From: John Rooney 
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Re: Changes to Section 94-311, Operation of Heavy Vehicles; Designation of Heavy Traffic Routes

This item is in regards to a change to Section 94-311, Operation of Heavy Vehicles; Designation of Heavy Traffic Routes. These changes are needed to reflect the change in STH 32 designation from Goold Street and N. Main Street to Douglas Avenue and Hamilton Street, as well as some changes needed to direction on Valley Drive and 13th Street. The proposed changes to the ordinance should be:

To Delete:

Douglas Avenue from Goold Street to State Street
Hamilton Street from Douglas Avenue to Michigan Blvd.
Valley Drive from Washington Avenue to 13th Street
13th Street from Valley Drive to S. Memorial Drive

To Add:

Douglas Avenue from Hamilton Street to State Street
Hamilton Street from N. Main Street to Michigan Blvd.
Valley Drive from Washington Avenue to 13th Street, northbound only
13th Street from Valley Drive to S. Memorial Drive, eastbound only

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ARTICLE VI. TRUCK AND HEAVY TRAFFIC ROUTES*

*Cross reference(s)--Streets, § 82-31 et seq.

State law reference(s)--Authority to regulate heavy traffic, Wis. Stats. § 349.17.

Sec. 94-311. Operation of heavy vehicles; designation of heavy traffic routes.

No person shall operate a vehicle which is defined as "heavy traffic" in Wis. Stats. § 349.17(2), on any street or highway in the city except the following, which are designated as heavy traffic routes, and except as otherwise provided in this article:

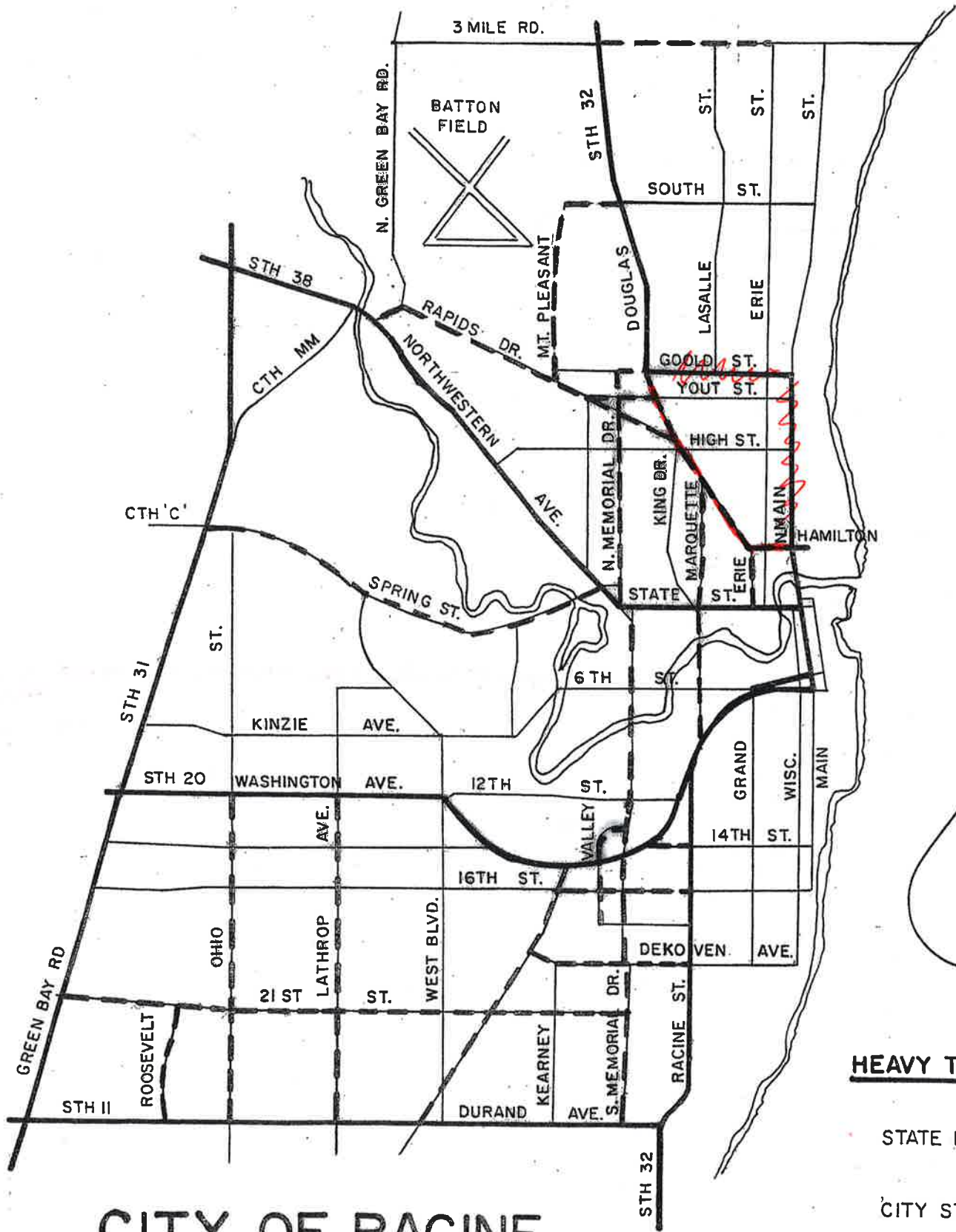
DeKoven Avenue from Taylor Avenue to Racine Street.
Dodge Street from Erie Street to Michigan Boulevard.
Douglas Avenue from ~~Goold Street~~ to State Street. *Hamilton Street*
Erie Street from State Street to Dodge Street.
Goold Street from Douglas Avenue to North Memorial Drive. *North Main Street*
Hamilton Street from ~~Douglas Avenue~~ to Michigan Boulevard.
Lathrop Avenue from Washington Avenue to Durand Avenue.
Marquette Street from Douglas Avenue to Washington Avenue.
North and South Memorial Drive from Goold Street to Chicory Road.
Mt. Pleasant Street from South Street to Rapids Drive.
Ohio Street from Durand Avenue to Washington Avenue.
Phillips Avenue from Washington Avenue to 21st Street.
Rapids Drive from Douglas Avenue to STH 38.
Roosevelt Avenue from 21st Street to Durand Avenue.
South Street from Douglas Avenue to Mt. Pleasant Street.
Spring Street from State Street to the westernmost city limits.
Taylor Avenue from Durand Avenue to Washington Avenue.
Valley Drive from Washington Avenue to 13th Street, *north bound only.*
West Street from State Street to North Memorial Drive.
Yout Street from Douglas Avenue to Rapids Drive.
Three Mile Road from Douglas Avenue to Erie Street.
13th Street from Valley Drive to South Memorial Drive, *east bound only!*
16th Street from Taylor Avenue to Racine Street.
21st Street from STH 31 to South Memorial Drive.
(Code 1973, § 27.09.010)

Sec. 94-312. Regulations for heavy traffic.

- (a) All heavy traffic having a combined weight of vehicle and load in excess of 10,000 pounds or registered in excess of 10,000 pounds, shall, when using the streets for the purpose of traveling through the city, operate only on federal and state highways.
- (b) All heavy traffic, other than through traffic, having a combined weight of vehicle and load in excess of 10,000 pounds or registered in excess of 10,000 pounds, but not greater than 30,000 pounds, shall use the city heavy traffic routes. However, for the purpose of making pickups or deliveries at locations off the city heavy traffic route, such traffic may deviate from such route provided the shortest and most direct route is used to and from the city heavy traffic route.
- (c) All heavy traffic, other than through traffic, having a combined weight of vehicle and load in excess of 30,000 pounds or registered in excess of 30,000 pounds, but not greater than the state maximum for such vehicle, shall use the city heavy traffic routes. However, for the purpose of making a pickup or a delivery off the city heavy traffic route at any one location, and only one location per trip, such traffic may deviate from the city heavy traffic route provided the shortest and most direct route is used to and from the city heavy traffic route.
- (d) The commissioner of public works may reduce the load on any of the streets on city heavy traffic routes when the construction of the street or the condition thereof, in his judgment, warrants such action.
(Code 1973, § 27.09.020; Ord. No. 14-99, pt. 2, 12-21-99)

Sec. 94-313. Vehicles exempt.

This article does not apply to vehicles owned by federal or state governments, or political subdivisions thereof, when actually engaged in governmental functions. The restrictions contained in this article shall not prohibit heavy traffic from using a street for the purpose of obtaining orders for supplies or moving or delivering supplies or commodities to or from any place of business or residence fronting on such street. When it is necessary for the operator of such a vehicle to travel upon a street not designated for heavy traffic in section 94-311, such operator shall leave and reenter such heavy truck routes at the point closest to his immediate destination.
(Code 1973, § 27.09.040)



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