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- WAC 480-12-081 Commercial zones defined. (1) The commercial zone restrictions apply to the transportation of intrastate general freight from a point within a commercial zone to another point within the same commercial zone, as long as the freight is not a part of a continuous shipment to or from a point beyond the commercial zone. All commercial zone carriers are subject to chapter 81.80 RCW, chapter 480-12 WAC and the adopted Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations. With the exceptions of those commercial zones individually defined, commercial zones include all points within the following defined areas:
- (a) The municipality itself, hereinafter called the base municipality;
- (b) All municipalities which are contiguous to the base municipality;
- (c) All other municipalities and all unincorporated areas within the state of Washington which are adjacent to the base municipality as follows:
- (i) When the base municipality has a population of ten thousand or more but less than twenty-five thousand all unincorporated areas within four miles of its corporate limits and all of any other municipality any part of which is within four miles of the corporate limits of the base municipality: *Provided, however,* That no such municipality is exempted by RCW 81.80.040(2).
- (ii) When the base municipality has a population of twenty-five thousand but less than one hundred thousand all unincorporated areas within six miles of its corporate limits and all of any other municipality any part of which is within six miles of the corporate limits of the base municipality: *Provided, however,* That no such municipality is exempted by RCW 81.80.040(2).
- (iii) When the base municipality has a population of one hundred thousand but less than two hundred thousand all unincorporated areas within eight miles of its corporate limits and all of any other municipality any part of which is within eight miles of the corporate limits of the base municipality.
- (iv) When the base municipality has a population of two hundred thousand or more all unincorporated areas within ten miles of its corporate limits and all of any other municipality any part of which is within ten miles of the corporate limits of the base municipality.
- (d) All municipalities wholly surrounded, or so surrounded except for a water boundary, by the base municipality, by any municipality contiguous thereto, or by any municipality adjacent thereto which is included in the commercial zone of such base municipality under the provisions of (c) of this subsection.
- (2) The commercial zone of Seattle includes all points within the following defined areas:
 - (a) The municipality of Seattle itself;
- (b) All points within a line drawn fifteen miles beyond the municipal limits of Seattle;
- (c) Those points in King County which are not within the area described in (b) of this subsection and which are west of a line beginning at the intersection of the line described in (b) of this subsection and Washington Highway 18, thence northerly along Washington Highway 18 to junction of Interstate Highway 90, thence westerly along Interstate Highway 90 to junction of Washington Highway 203, thence northerly along Washington Highway 203 to the

- King County line; and those points in Snohomish County, which are not within the area described in (b) of this subsection and which are west of Washington Highway 9, and those points in Kitsap County which are not within the area described in (b) of this subsection lying within the area bounded by a line beginning at the intersection of the line described in (b) of this subsection and Washington Highway 3 to the boundary of Olympic View Industrial Park/Bremerton-Kitsap County Airport, thence westerly, southerly, easterly, and northerly along the boundary of Olympic View Industrial Park/Bremerton-Kitsap County Airport to its juncture with Washington Highway 3 to its intersection with the line described in (b) of this subsection;
- (d) All on any municipality any part of which is within the limits of the combined areas defined in (b) and (c) of this subsection; and
- (e) All of any municipality wholly surrounded, or so surrounded except for a water boundary, by the municipality of Seattle or by any other municipality included under the terms of (d) of this subsection.
- (3) The commercial zone of Spokane includes all points within the following defined area:
 - (a) The municipality of Spokane itself;
- (b) All points within a line drawn eight miles beyond the municipal limits of Spokane;
- (c) All points within that area more than eight miles beyond the municipal limits of Spokane bounded by a line as follows: From the intersection of the line described in (b) of this subsection and U.S. Highway 2, thence westerly along U.S. Highway 2 to junction of Brooks Road, thence southerly along Brooks Road to junction of Hallett Road, thence easterly along Hallett Road to its intersection with the line described in (b) of this subsection;
- (d) All of any municipality any part of which is within the limits of the combined areas in (b) and (c) of this subsection; and
- (e) All of any municipality wholly surrounded by the municipality of Spokane or any other municipality included under the terms of (d) of this subsection.
- (4) The commercial zone of Tacoma includes all points within the following defined area:
 - (a) The municipality of Tacoma itself;
- (b) All points within a line drawn eight miles beyond the municipal limits of Tacoma;
- (c) Those points in Pierce County which are not within the area described in (b) of this subsection, but which are on Washington Highway 162 beginning at its intersection with the line described in (b) of this subsection, extending to and including Orting and all points within the Orting commercial zone:
- (d) All of any municipality any part of which is within the limits of the combined area defined in (b) and (c) of this subsection; and
- (e) All of any municipality wholly surrounded, or so surrounded except for a water boundary, by the municipality of Tacoma or any other municipality included under the terms of (d) of this subsection.
- (5) For the purposes of this section, the population of a municipality shall be computed on the highest decennial census since, and including, the 1980 decennial census.

(6) For the purposes of this section, the distances shall he computed according to air miles.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 80.01.040. 82-16-029 (Order R-192, Cause No. TV-1627), § 480-12-081, filed 7/28/82.]

WAC 480-12-083 Adoption by reference defined. Where referred to in this chapter, the following definitions shall apply:

(1) "North American Uniform Out-of-Service Criteria" published by Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA)

refers to the version in effect on May 16, 1994.

(2) "Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations", cited as 49 CFR, includes the regulations and all appendices and amendments in effect on April 1, 1994.

(3) The documents are available for public inspection at the commission branch of the Washington state library, located with the headquarters offices of the commission. A copy of either document may be obtained upon request from the commission secretary, subject to any pertinent charge. The Code of Federal Regulations is also available from the Government Printing Office, Seattle office.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 80.01.040. 94-14-014 (Order R-420, Docket No. T-940457), § 480-12-083, filed 6/23/94, effective 7/24/94; 93-15-035 (Order R-392, Docket No. T-921165), § 480-12-083, filed 7/13/93, effective 8/13/93; 92-01-116 (Order R-355, Docket No. TV-900483), § 480-12-083, filed 12/18/91, effective 1/18/92.]

WAC 480-12-084 Federal Regulations, 49 C.F.R., Part 390—Adoption by reference. (1) The provisions of Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 390, are adopted and prescribed by the Commission, except carriers operating exclusively in intrastate commerce shall not be subject to the provisions of paragraph (c) of section 390.3, section 390.21, and for the purposes of application of federal regulations on intrastate commerce.

- (2) With respect to section 390.5, the definitions shown for "exempt intracity zone," "farm to market agricultural transportation," "farm vehicle driver," "farmer," "private motor carrier of passengers," "private motor carrier of property," "school bus," and "school bus operation" shall not apply.
- (3) Whenever the designation "commercial motor vehicle" is used, it shall mean a motor carrier as defined in RCW 81.80.010.
- (4) "Exempt motor carrier," "motor carrier," "motor vehicle," and "private carrier" shall have the meanings subjoined to them by RCW 81.80.010.
- (5) Whenever the designation "director" is used it shall mean the Washington utilities and transportation commission. [Statutory Authority: RCW 80.01.040. 92-02-016 (Order R-360, Docket No. TV-2332), § 480-12-084, filed 12/23/91, effective 1/23/92.]

WAC 480-12-100 Forwarders and brokers. (1) For the purpose of these rules a "forwarder" shall be defined as a person engaged in the business of soliciting, collecting or assembling shipments for the purpose of combining the same into a shipment of such size as to be entitled to a quantity rate and who forwards such shipment in his own name and at his own risk by a common carrier at such quantity rate.

(2) A "broker" is a person engaged in the business of providing, contracting for or undertaking to arrange for, transportation of property by two or more common carriers.

- (a) A broker's compensation shall be in the form of a fixed fee or percentage of the total tariff charges which shall be fixed and established by the commission based upon evidence submitted by the affected party or parties, which in every instance must be collected from the shipper by the broker and no charge for any service shall be collected from the carrier. Every common carrier broker shall collect his fee, or percent of the total revenue charges, as a separate item and in accordance with the provisions of WAC 480-12-340 credit, extension of, by common carriers. Unless specifically authorized by the commission no common carrier broker authorized to collect charges from shippers for common carrier brokerage service shall collect from said shipper the common carrier tariff charges arising from the highway transportation of the property: Provided, That these provisions will not apply to any person holding a broker permit issued by the commission prior to April 16, 1971. Such brokers may continue to operate under the terms and conditions specified in their broker permit and under the commission rules which were in effect at the time their broker permit was issued.
- (3) A carrier holding a highway transportation permit or an agent of such carrier, may not act as a shipper's agent, except as may be specifically authorized by a common carrier forwarder permit or a common carrier broker permit.
- (4) A permit shall not be issued authorizing any one person to operate both as a broker and a forwarder.
- (5) A forwarder shall not be permitted to charge rates which are lower than those prescribed for common carriers by motor vehicle. Such forwarder shall ship only over the lines of common carriers holding permits authorizing the transportation of general freight by motor vehicle.
- (6) A common carrier broker, who also holds a common carrier permit authorizing highway transportation, may not perform highway transportation of the property of a shipper for which a common carrier brokerage service is rendered in equipment acquired by lease from another common carrier holding its own authority to provide the service.
- (7) Every shipper, or group or association of shippers engaged in consolidating or distributing freight for themselves or for their members, and who wish to claim exempt status under chapter 138, Laws of 1979 ex. sess. [RCW 81.80.045], shall notify the commission promptly upon beginning such services and, in addition, shall comply with the following:

Complete and file with the commission, by April 1 following each year in which an exemption is claimed, a statement of nonprofit status, notarized and dated, in substantially the following form:

The undersigned has (have) performed services as freight forwarder claiming exempt status under chapter 138, Laws of 1979 ex. sess. [RCW 81.80.045], in the year . . . , beginning in the month of There was no intent to perform such services for a profit, and no profit was in fact made.

(Signature of forwarders)