

**TOWNSHIP OF TAYLOR  
BLAIR COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA  
ORDINANCE NO. 030397**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF TAYLOR, BLAIR COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, IMPOSING RESTRICTIONS AS TO THE WEIGHT OF VEHICLES OPERATING UPON THE TOWNSHIP ROADS OR BRIDGES; PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUING OF SPECIAL PERMITS FOR MOVEMENT OF VEHICLES OF WEIGHTS IN EXCESS OF MAXIMUM WEIGHT ESTABLISHED; AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS

WHEREAS, the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, pursuant to §4902 and §6109 of the Vehicle Code, 75 Pa. C.S.A. §4902 and §6109, has conferred on this Township the authority to impose restrictions on the weight, size and class of vehicles operating upon Township roads; and

WHEREAS, the Township has determined that certain of its roads or bridges may be damaged or destroyed unless the permissible size or weight of vehicles is reduced and that motorists' safety and the public safety would be thereby enhanced; and

WHEREAS, the Township has had prepared and submitted to it the results of an Engineering Study and Road Posting Recommendations conducted by Edward Bellock, Township Engineer, dated July 1, 1996 and which Study is the basis for the weight limit restrictions hereinafter set forth and which Study is incorporated herein by reference.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved and it is hereby resolved by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Taylor, County of Blair and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, as follows:

**SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS**

The following words when used in this Ordinance shall have the following definitions except where the context clearly indicates otherwise:

Emergency Vehicle - A fire department vehicle, police vehicle, ambulance, blood-delivery vehicle, armed forces emergency vehicle, or a vehicle used for answering emergency calls, or other vehicle designated by the State Police under §6106 of the Vehicle Code (relating to designation of emergency vehicles by Pennsylvania State Police).

Motor Vehicle - Any vehicle or combination which is defined and/or governed by the "Vehicle Code," 75 Pa. C.P.S. §101 et seq., as amended.

School Bus - A motor vehicle designed for carrying more than ten (10) passengers, exclusive of the driver, and used for the transportation of school children.

## SECTION 2. FINDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE TOWNSHIP

The Board of Supervisors have determined and hereby determine that the following roads or bridges under the jurisdiction of the Township may be damaged or destroyed unless the permissible weight of motor vehicles or combinations is reduced to the weight limits listed.

<u>Township Road</u>	<u>Posted Weight Limit (Tons)</u>
Stoney Road (T-315)	10
Kensinger Road (T-318)	10
Carper Road (T-319)	10
Ore Hill Road (T-321)	10
Dumb Hundred Road (T-326)	10
Thompson Road (T-328)	10
Burkettown Road (T-332)	10
Halter Creek Road (T-333)	10
Orchard Road (T-337)	10
Cowan Road (T-339)	10
Frederick Road (T-343)	10
Closson Road (T-347) (West of Rt. No. 36)	10
Heuston Road (T-351)	10
Brumbaugh Road (T-353)	10
Papermill Road (T-360)	10
Weitzel Hill Road (T-365)	10
Stonerook Road (T-401)	10
Schulman Road (T-575)	10

Church Street (T-600)	10
First Street (T-601)	10
Plum Creek Boulevard (T-602)	10
Yingling Road (T-603)	10
Keith Street (T-604)	10
Decker Hollow Road (T-605)	10
Bloomfield (T-607)	10
Cross Cove Road (T-608)	10
Dick Schoolhouse (T-609)	10
Spang Street (T-610)	10
Acorn Lane (T-613)	10

### SECTION 3. VEHICLE WEIGHT LIMITS ESTABLISHED

A. Pursuant to the findings under Section 2, supra, no motor vehicle or combination shall, when operated on any of the roads or bridges listed in Section 2, have a gross weight exceeding the weight limit listed for said road in Section 2.

B. The following motor vehicles shall be exempted from the restrictions imposed under subsection A above:

- (1) School Buses;
- (2) Emergency Vehicles; and
- (3) Vehicles making local deliveries or pickups.

### SECTION 4. PERMITS AND SECURITY

The Board of Supervisors of the Township may issue permits for the movement of motor vehicles or combinations of size and weight in excess of the restrictions imposed under Section 2, supra, and require such undertaking or security as the Board of Supervisors deems necessary to cover the cost of anticipated or probable repairs and/or restoration necessitated by the permitted movement of vehicles.

All actions taken under the authority of this Section shall be taken in accordance

with the rules and regulations adopted from time to time by the Board of Supervisors and in the absence thereof in accordance with the rules and regulations adopted by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Transportation, as found in Title 67 of the Pennsylvania Code.

#### SECTION 5. ERECTION OF SIGNS

The Township shall erect or cause to be erected and maintained restriction signs designating the restrictions at each end of a bridge or portion of road restricted as provided in this Ordinance. In the case of a restriction on a bridge or on a road which does not begin or end at an intersection with an unrestricted road, the Township shall also place an advance informational sign at the intersection nearest each end of the restricted bridge or portion of road which would allow drivers to avoid the restricted bridge or portion of road. No person shall be found to have violated any section of this Ordinance unless the restriction sign designating the restricted bridge or portion of road to traffic moving in the direction the person was driving was posted as required in this Section. However, failure to post the restriction sign designating the restricted bridge or portion of road to traffic moving in the opposite direction or failure to post any advance informational sign shall not constitute a defense to a violation of this Section.

#### SECTION 6. PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION

Any individual or entity found to have violated any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a summary offense, and upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding One Thousand (\$1,000.00) Dollars, or undergo imprisonment for a period not exceeding thirty (30) days, or both. Each additional day

or provision of this Ordinance violated shall constitute a separate offense.

SECTION 7. SEVERABILITY

The provisions of this Ordinance are severable. If any sentence, clause or section of this Ordinance is for any reason found to be unconstitutional, illegal, or invalid, such unconstitutionality, illegality or invalidity shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions, sentences, clauses or sections of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared to be the intent of the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Taylor that this Ordinance would have been adopted had such unconstitutional, illegal, or invalid sentence, clause or section not been included herein.

SECTION 8. REPEALS

All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with the Ordinance are hereby repealed insofar as they may be inconsistent herewith.

ENACTED AND ORDAINED this 3 day of MARCH, 1997, and to become effective in five (5) days.

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF  
THE TOWNSHIP OF TAYLOR

Jim Chapman  
Chairman

Alan Kessel  
G.H. Brunsbaugh

ATTEST:

Sandra L. Greenleaf  
Secretary