

GOGEBIC COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

**RESOLUTION REGARDING MOTOR VEHICLE WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS
ESTABLISHED BY MCL 257.722**

RESOLUTION NO. 01-24

At a meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners of Gogebic County, Michigan, held in said County on 1-22, 2024, at 10:02 [a.m./p.m.]

PRESENT: D'Antonio - Matonich - Zovich - Estola

ABSENT: SKINNER

WHEREAS, to protect the public health, safety and general welfare under the authority of Public Act 359 of 1947, as amended, the Board of County Road Commissioners of Gogebic County, Michigan (the "**Board**") has determined it is advisable and in the best interest of the public to adopt a resolution stating the Road Commission's policy regarding the existing motor vehicle weight restrictions that are established by Michigan law, pursuant to MCL 257.722 and MCL 257.726; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution is intended to provide clarity as to the applicable weight restrictions and foster uniform enforcement of such restrictions for vehicles traveling on public roads within Gogebic County, Michigan; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Road Commissioners of the County of Gogebic as follows:

1. Except as otherwise provided in MCL 257.722, the maximum axle load shall not exceed the number of pounds designated below that prescribe the distance between axles:
 - a. If the axle spacing is 9 feet or more between axles, the maximum axle load shall not exceed 18,000 pounds for vehicles equipped with high pressure pneumatic or balloon tires.
 - b. If the axle spacing is less than 9 feet between 2 axles but more than 3-1/2 feet, the maximum axle load shall not exceed 13,000 pounds for high pressure pneumatic or balloon tires.
 - c. If the axles are spaced less than 3-1/2 feet apart, the maximum axle load shall not exceed 9,000 pounds per axle.
2. During the periods of seasonal weight restrictions, the maximum axle load allowable on concrete pavements or pavements with a concrete base is reduced by 25% from the maximum axle load as specified in the Michigan Vehicle Code, Act 300 of 1949, and the

maximum axle loads allowable on all other types of roads during these months are reduced by 35% from the maximum axle loads as specified. The maximum wheel load shall not exceed 525 pounds per inch of tire width on concrete and concrete base or 450 pounds per inch of tire width on all other roads during the period the seasonal road restrictions are in effect (hereinafter referred to as the “**seasonal weight restrictions**”).

3. Subject to MCL 257.722 (5), the seasonal weight restrictions do not apply to any of the following:
 - a. Vehicles transporting agricultural commodities or, subject to MCL 257.722 (6), public utility vehicles on a highway, road, or street under the jurisdiction of a local road agency, or a school bus; and
 - b. A vehicle delivering propane fuel to a residence if the vehicle's propane tank is filled to not more than 50% of its capacity and the vehicle is traveling at not more than 35 miles per hour.
4. The Gogebic County Road Commission shall post the following information regarding the seasonal weight restrictions on its website:
 - a. The dates when the seasonal weight restrictions are in effect; and
 - b. The names of the highways and streets and portions of highways and streets to which the seasonal weight restrictions apply.
5. Pursuant to MCL 257.722(10), the Board, with respect to highways under its jurisdiction, may suspend the restrictions imposed by MCL 257.722 when and where conditions of the highways or the public health, safety, and welfare warrant suspension, and impose the restricted loading requirements on designated highways at any other time that the conditions of the highway require.
6. Pursuant to MCL 257.726, the Board, with respect to highways under its jurisdiction, may impose further weight and travel restrictions, including but not limited to the following:
 - a. Prohibit the operation of trucks or other commercial vehicles on designated highways or streets;
 - b. Impose more restrictive limitations as to the weight of trucks or other commercial vehicles on designated highways or streets;
 - c. Provide that only certain highways or streets may be used by trucks or commercial vehicles.
7. The Board, with respect to highways under its jurisdiction, reserves the right to issue a written special permit upon receipt of a written application and good cause being shown, as provided under MCL 257.725, authorizing an applicant to operate a vehicle or combination of vehicles that are of a size, weight, or load exceeding the maximum

specified in the Motor Vehicle Code, Act 300 of 1949, or otherwise not in conformity with this Resolution or any other duly authorized resolution of the Board.

8. Pursuant to the Motor Vehicle Code and/or MCL 257.726, a person who violates any of the provisions of this Resolution shall be responsible for a civil infraction, and upon conviction thereof, shall be assessed costs, damages, expenses, and other sanctions allowed by law.
9. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

YEAS: Estola-Matonich-Zovich-D'Antonio

NAYS: None

GOGEBIC COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

Roy D'Antonio

Dated: 1-22-2024

By: [Signature]
Its: Board Chairman

I, the undersigned, being duly qualified Secretary of the Gogebic County Road Commission do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of certain proceedings taken by the Gogebic County Road Commission at a regular meeting held on 1-22, 2024.

Patricia J. Hagstrom
Gogebic County Road Commission