

Chapter 15

Motor Vehicles and Traffic

Part 1

Motor Vehicle Weight Limitation

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Part 1**Motor Vehicle Weight Limitation****§15-101. Short Title.**

This Part shall be known as “Motor Vehicle Weight Limitation Ordinance of Washington Township.”

(*Ord. 1-2008, 3/5/2008, §1*)

§15-102. Enactment.

This Part is enacted pursuant to the authority conferred by the Act of 1976, June 17, P.L. 1962, No. 81, §1, effective July 1, 1977, 75 Pa.C.S.A. §101 *et seq.*, as amended, hereinafter the “Vehicle Code,” and is intended to include and be subject to all provisions of §4902 of the Vehicle Code, 75 Pa.C.S.A. §4902, and all Pennsylvania Department of Transportation regulations promulgated or to be promulgated under the Vehicle Code.

(*Ord. 1-2008, 3/5/2008, §2*)

§15-103. Definitions.

The following words when used in this Part shall have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

Emergency vehicle—a fire department vehicle, police vehicle, ambulance, blood delivery vehicle, Armed Forces emergency vehicle, one private vehicle of a fire or police chief or assistant chief, or ambulance corps commander or assistant commander, or of a river rescue commander 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), 75 Pa.C.S.A. §6106.

Local traffic—emergency vehicles and school buses, defined hereinafter, vehicles and combinations or governmental entities and utilities where their contractors are engaged in construction or maintenance on a posted highway or in a location which can be reached only via a posted highway, and vehicles and combinations going to or coming from a residence or farm located on a posted highway or which can be reached only via a posted highway.

Motor vehicle—any vehicle or combination as defined and/or governed by the Vehicle Code, 75 Pa.C.S.A. §101 *et seq.*

School bus—a motor vehicle designated for carrying more than 10 passengers, exclusive of the driver, and used for the transportation of school children.

(*Ord. 1-2008, 3/5/2008, §3*)

§15-104. Findings of the Board of Supervisors of Washington Township.

The Board of Supervisors has determined and hereby determines based upon engineering study conducted by the EADS Group, Inc., and otherwise that the following roads may be damaged or destroyed unless the permissible weight of motor vehicles is

restricted to the weight limits listed:

Route Number	Street Name	Between	Weight Limit (Ton)
T301	Plane Bank Road	Its southern intersection with SR 53 and its northern intersection with SR 53	10
T302	Cherry Road	Its southern intersection with SR 2012 and its northern intersection with SR 2012	10
T415	Mountain Road	Lilly Borough line to Blair County line	10
T417	Memorial Drive	Lilly Borough line to its end	10
T418	Jefferson Street	Cassandra Borough line to Lilly Borough line	10
T421	Reddog Lane	SR 2015 to Portage Township line	10
T424	Sugar Road	SR 53 to SR 2019	10
T425	Jones Street	Lilly Borough line to Cresson Township line	10
T426	Valley View Lane	SR 2015 to its end	10
T427	HWZ Lane	SR 2015 to T418	10
T429	Deep Valley Lane	SR 2015 to its end	10
T430	Zoskey Road	Cresson Township line to Cresson township line	10
T431	Colonial Road	SR 2015 to Cresson Township line	10
T432	Main Street	T424 to Lilly Borough line	10
T433	Noels Creek Road	T431 to Munster Township line	10
T434	Blueberry Road	T431 to T436	10
T436	Carney Crossing Road	SR 53 to Cresson Township line	10
T438	Beech Lane	T436 to Cresson Township line	10
T439	George Street	T434 to Lilly Borough line	10
T450	Oak Street	SR 2019 to T453	10
T451	Ryan Street	T439 to its end	10
T452	Williams Street	Lilly Borough line to its end	10
T453	Maple Drive	T450 to cul-de-sac at its end	10
T454	Park Road	Lilly Borough line to T417	10
T455	Hill Top Road	T454 to T415	10
T683	Stone Lane	T684 to its end	10
T684	Stumptown Lane	T425 to cul-de-sac at its end	10

(Ord. 1-2008, 3/5/2008, §4)

§15-105. Vehicle Weight Limits Established.

1. Pursuant to the findings under §15-104, above, and by authority of §4902 of the Vehicle Code, 75 Pa.C.S.A. §4902, and regulations promulgated thereunder, no motor

vehicle or combination shall be operated upon any of the roads listed in §15-104 with gross weight in excess of the weight limits listed for said road in §15-104.

2. Local traffic as defined herein shall be exempted from the restrictions imposed under subsection .1 above. However, if the Board of Supervisors determines that any local traffic is likely to damage the road, the Board of Supervisors will so notify the registrants of the motor vehicle or combination and will also notify State Police. After 2 business days following delivery of the notice, or after 5 days following mailing of the notice, such local traffic vehicles shall not exceed the weight limits except in accordance with §15-106 hereof.

(Ord. 1-2008, 3/5/2008, §5)

§15-106. Permits and Security.

1. The Board of Supervisors of Washington Township may issue permits for the movement of motor vehicles or combinations with weights in excess of the restrictions imposed under §15-104, supra, and may require such undertaking or security as they deem necessary to cover the costs of anticipated or probable repairs and restoration necessitated by the permitted movement of vehicles.

2. All actions taken under the authority of this Section shall be taken 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.

(Ord. 1-2008, 3/5/2008, §6)

§15-107. Erection of Signs.

The Township shall erect or cause to be erected and maintained restriction signs designating the restrictions at the end of the portion of road restricted as provided in this Part. In the case of a restriction on a road which has not begun or ended at an intersection with an unrestricted highway, the Township shall also place an advance informational sign at the intersection nearest each end of the restricted portion of the road which would allow drivers to avoid the restricted portion of road.

(Ord. 1-2008, 3/5/2008, §7)

§15-108. Penalties for Violation.

Any person operating a motor vehicle or combination upon a road or bridge in violation of a prohibition or restriction imposed under §15-104 is guilty of a summary offense and shall, upon conviction, be sentenced to pay a fine of \$75, except that any person convicted of operating a vehicle with a gross weight in excess of a posted weight shall, upon conviction, be sentenced to pay a fine of \$150 plus \$150 for each 500 pounds, or part thereof, in excess of 3,000 pounds over the maximum allowable weight.

(Ord. 1-2008, 3/5/2008, §8)

§15-109. Preservation of Other Remedies.

By the adoption of this Part, the Township shall not be deemed to have waived, nor does it waive, relinquish or in any manner, give up any other legal remedies it may have, in law or in equity, civil or criminal, or through any other lawful means, to remedy, enforce, sue or prosecute for violations of this Part.

(Ord. 1-2008, 3/5/2008, §9)