

**TOWNSHIP OF HARRISON
ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

ORDINANCE NO. 2016

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE HARRISON TOWNSHIP CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 15, MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, PART 1, GENERAL REGULATIONS, TO ADD A NEW DEFINED TERM, AND PART 3, RESTRICTIONS ON SIZE, WEIGHT AND TYPE OF VEHICLE AND LOAD, TO ESTABLISH WEIGHT LIMITS ON CERTAIN ROADS AND PERMITTING AND FINANCIAL SECURITY REQUIREMENTS FOR VEHICLES EXCEEDING ROAD WEIGHT LIMITS.

WHEREAS, the Township of Harrison (The "Township) has previously enacted an Ordinance establishing restrictions on size, weight, and the types of vehicles and loads that may travel on certain roads within the Township; and

WHEREAS, the need to amend and define this section was recommended to the Board of Commissioners by the Township Chief of Police; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Harrison Township desires to amend the ordinance to address changes in the traffic patterns in the Township of Harrison; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Harrison Township also desires to address the condition of certain roadways which by the nature of the topography do not allow for certain traffic to cross safely; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners have discussed the addition of certain Allegheny County Roads to be included in this ordinance, at the direction of Allegheny County Public Works.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Board of Commissioners of Harrison Township that Chapter 15, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, of the Harrison Township Code of Ordinances be amended, as follows:

I. Part 1, General Regulations, § 101, Definitions and Interpretation, is amended by adding the following new term and definition:

4. The term "local traffic," as used in this Chapter, shall have the following meaning: Emergency vehicles, school buses, vehicles and combinations of governmental entities and utilities or their contractors are engaged in

construction or maintenance on a posted street or in a location which can be reached only via a posted street, and vehicles and combinations going to or coming from a residence, commercial establishment, or farm located on a posted street or which can be reached only via a posted street.

II. Part 3, Restrictions on Size, Weight and Type of Vehicle Load, § 301, Vehicle Weight Limits Established on Certain Streets and Bridges, Paragraph 1, is amended to read in its entirety, as follows:

1. On the following bridges and streets or parts of streets, by authority granted by Section 4902(a) of the Vehicle Code, it shall be unlawful for any person or persons to drive any vehicle or combination having a gross weight in excess of the maximum prescribed below for that bridge or street or part of street, excepting emergency vehicles and passenger and school busses, as the case may be:

Street or Bridge	Between	Maximum Gross Weight (tons)
Dallas Avenue	Entire Length	5 Tons
Harbison Street	Entire Length	5 Tons
Harvard Avenue	Entire Length	5 Tons
Lengel Avenue	Entire Length	5 Tons
Ninth Avenue	Entire Length	5 Tons
Pacific Avenue	Entire Length	5 Tons
Pennsylvania Avenue	Entire Length	5 Tons
Princeton Avenue	Entire Length	5 Tons
Springhill Road	Burtner Road and Freeport Road	5 Tons
Sylvan Pool (lower drive)	Entire Length	5 Tons

III. Part 3, Restrictions on Size, Weight and Type of Vehicle Load, § 303, Restrictions as to Weight and Size of Vehicles on Certain Streets and Bridges, Paragraph 1, is amended to read in its entirety, as follows:

1. By reason of hazardous traffic conditions and other safety factors, by authority granted by Section 4902(b) of the Vehicle Code, it shall be unlawful for any person to drive any vehicle or combination in violation of the restriction prescribed below for that bridge or street or part of street:

Street or Bridge	Between	Restriction (tons)
Argonne Drive	Between Broadview Blvd. and Vine Street	10 Tons
Chestnut Street	Entire Length	20 Tons
Diamond Street	Entire Length	20 Tons
Linden Street	Entire Length	20 Tons
Spruce Street	Entire Length	20 Tons
Sycamore Street	Entire Length	20 Tons
Walnut Street	Entire Length	20 Tons

VII. Any person who violates any provision of this section shall be prosecuted under Section 4902(b) and 4902(g-1) of the Vehicle Code and, upon conviction, shall be sentenced to pay a fine of not less than \$25 and not more than \$500 and costs.

IV. Part 3 is amended to add a new Section 305, Permits and Security, to read as follows as follows:

§ 305 Permits and Security.

1. No vehicle or combination shall be driven on a posted street when such vehicle or combination has a gross weight in excess of the posted weight limit, unless the Board of Commissioners or its designee has issued a permit for the vehicle or combination in accordance with this Section, or except as provided for in § 301 above.

2. The Board of Commissioners or its designee may issue permits for the movement of motor vehicles or combinations of size and weight in excess of the restrictions imposed in this Part 3 and require an excess maintenance agreement and financial security, as provided for in Title 67, Chapter 189 of the Pennsylvania Code.

3. Individuals or entities seeking to operate vehicles in excess of the restrictions imposed in this Part 3 shall apply for a permit to do so on a form provided by the Township.

4. No permit may be issued until the application is approved by the Board of Commissioners or its designee and any required security and/or excess maintenance agreement has been received by the Township Manager or their designee.

4. The Township may suspend, revoke or deny a permit and agreement if it is determined by the local authority that there has been a violation of this section, pertinent regulation or agreement, notwithstanding any other provision of this section.

5. 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.

V. In the event that any provision, section, sentence, clause, or part of this Ordinance is held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect or impair any remaining provision, section, sentence, clause or part of the Ordinance, it being the intent of the Board of Commissioners that such remainder shall remain in full force and effect and for this purpose the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

VI. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the terms of this Ordinance are repealed and rescinded to the extent of such conflict.

VII. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

This Ordinance adopted by the Board of Commissioners of Harrison Township at a duly assembled public meeting held on the 25th of September 2023.

ATTEST:

HARRISON TOWNSHIP




Amy Rockwell
Township Manager/Secretary

By:



Gary Meanor
Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Certification of Recording. This Ordinance recorded in the Township Ordinance book on September 29, 2023 by the undersigned.



Amy Rockwell, Township Manager