

**BOROUGH OF TRAFFORD**

**ORDINANCE NO. 4 of 2021**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF TRAFFORD, ALLEGHENY AND WESTMORELAND COUNTIES, PENNSYLVANIA, ESTABLISHING SEVEN TON WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS ON CERTAIN ROADWAYS WITHIN THE BOROUGH.**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Trafford is a local authority under the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code (Act of June 17, 1976, P.L. 162, No. 81 as amended, 75 Pa. C.S.A. §§101, et seq.) having certain street, roads or highways under its jurisdiction; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 6109(e) of the Vehicle Code, the Borough has cause certain engineering and traffic investigations to be made of certain streets, roads or highways; and

**WHEREAS**, said investigations have determined that certain streets require weight restrictions in order to maintain the structural integrity of the roadway, to promote safe vehicular and pedestrian travel, and to provide for the proper maintenance of certain roads; and

**WHEREAS**, Council for the Borough of Trafford (Borough Council) deems it in the best interests of its residents and users of said streets, roads and highways to preserve the structural integrity of the roadway by restricting use by heavy vehicles; and

**WHEREAS**, Borough Council deems weight limitations on certain roads to be consistent with its duty to promote the public health, safety and welfare of the Borough and its residents; and

**WHEREAS**, Borough Council believes that vehicular weight limitations on certain roadways are necessary for the proper maintenance and use of said roads and necessary for the promotion of the public health, safety and welfare.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED** by the Borough of Trafford, Allegheny and Westmoreland Counties, Pennsylvania, by the authority granted to it by the Pennsylvania Borough Code, and other applicable laws as follows:

**SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION.** Words and phrases used in this Ordinance shall have the meanings described to them in the Pennsylvania Vehicular Code (Act of June 17, 1976, P.L. 162, 81), as amended, except that in this Ordinance the word "road" or "street" may be used interchangeably with the word "highway" and shall have the same meaning as the word "highway" as quote defined in the Vehicle Code.

**SECTION 2. INCORPORATION OF ENGINEERING/TRAFFIC STUDY.**

The Engineering/Traffic Study applicable to the streets and roadways set forth herein is incorporated herein as if set forth at length.

**SECTION 3. WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS ON CERTAIN ROADWAYS.**

Vehicles in excess of seven (7) tons gross vehicular weight shall be prohibited from traveling or traversing on the following streets, roads or highways in their entirety within the territorial limits of the Borough of Trafford unless otherwise noted:

- (a) 4<sup>th</sup> Street
- (b) Viaduct Way

**SECTION 4. SIGNAGE.** The Borough shall erect signs at or near the beginning and end of each such street in both directions advising those traversing or travelling said roads of the weight restriction herein established.

**SECTION 5. EXCEPTIONS.** The following shall be exempt from the restrictions and penalties set forth in this Ordinance:

- ~~1. Vehicles providing local deliveries.~~
- 2. Vehicles with less than five wheels.
- 3. School buses.
- 4. Class 3, 4 or 5 vehicles.
- 5. Vehicles used for emergencies such as fire trucks, ambulances, and EMS or EMT vehicles.
- 6. Such other vehicles the owner or operator of which who have secured a permit from the governing body or its designee. Anyone seeking a permit under this section shall make written request to the Borough. Such request shall be promptly considered. Issuance of a permit shall be within the discretion of the Borough.

**SECTION 6. WARNINGS.** Any owner of a vehicle and person operating a vehicle in violation of this Ordinance shall first receive a written warning from the Borough. Said warning shall be personally served or mailed to the driver and owner of the vehicle by regular mail. A copy of the warning shall be maintained by the Borough and shall be sufficient proof of receipt of the warning.

**SECTION 7. PENALTIES.** Upon conviction, the owner and/or operator of a vehicle operating on any street identified herein in violation of this Ordinance shall pay a fine as set forth in the Pennsylvania Motor Vehicle Code not to exceed \$300.00.

**SECTION 8. SEVERABILITY.** If any sentence, clause, section, or part 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, sections or parts of this ordinance.

**SECTION 9. REPEALER.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances, which are inconsistent herewith, are hereby repealed.


**SECTION 10. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval in accordance with the Borough Code.

**ORDAINED AND ENACTED** this 6<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2021.

ATTEST:

THE BOROUGH OF TRAFFORD

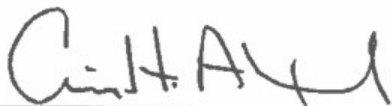
  
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Ashley Stock, Borough Manager

  
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Kristopher R. Cardiff, President

EXAMINED AND APPROVED this 6<sup>th</sup> day July, 2021.

  
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Edward Llewellyn, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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Craig H. Alexander, Esquire  
Solicitor

**CERTIFICATION**

I, Ashley Stack, Trafford Borough Manager, do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance is a true and correct copy of the original Ordinance No. 4 duly passed and adopted by a majority vote of the Borough Council of the Borough of Trafford at a duly advertised and conveyed regular meeting held on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2021, and that the minutes of said meeting showing how each member voted have been duly recorded in the official minutes of said Borough Council and remains in effect as of this date.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I affix my hand and attach the seal of the Borough of Trafford this 6<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2021.

CERTIFIED BY:

(SEAL)

Ashley Stack  
Ashley Stack, Borough Manager

**§ 188-60. Schedule XII: Vehicle Weight Limits.**

- A. In accordance with the provisions of § 188-18A, gross weight limits are hereby established as indicated for commercial vehicles or other tractor, trailer or tractor-trailer combinations, upon the streets, bridges or portions thereof described below, except for the purpose of making local deliveries on said streets, bridges or portions thereof:

<b>Name of Street or Bridge</b>	<b>Maximum Gross Weight (pounds)</b>	<b>Location</b>
Meadows Street	10,000	Entire length
Ramsey Road	10,000	Entire length
Timber Drive	10,000	Entire length

- B. In accordance with the provisions of § 188-18B, vehicles in excess of five tons' gross vehicular weight shall be prohibited from traveling or traversing on the following streets, roads or highways in their entirety within the territorial limits of the Borough of Trafford unless otherwise noted: **[Added 4-21-2009 by Ord. No. 730]**

**Name of Street**

- Belleau Woods Boulevard
- Bruce Street
- Duquesne Avenue
- Edgewood Avenue
- First Street, between Murrysville Road and East Gilmore Avenue
- Hillcrest Drive
- Sixth Street
- Stewart Street
- Timber Drive
- Viaduct Way
- Woodlawn Drive