

**TOWNSHIP OF ORANGE
COLUMBIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

ORDINANCE NO. 11042010

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ORANGE,
COLUMBIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, IMPOSING RESTRICTIONS
AS TO THE WEIGHT OF VEHICLES OPERATED UPON CERTAIN
TOWNSHIP ROADS; PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS
AND THE POSTING OF SECURITY FOR THE MOVEMENT OF
VEHICLES OF A WEIGHT IN EXCESS OF RESTRICTIONS; AND
PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS.**

BE IT ORDAINED AND RESOLVED, and it is hereby ordained and resolved, by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Orange, County of Columbia, and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, as follows:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE

This Ordinance shall be known as ‘Motor Vehicle Weight Limitation and Bonding Ordinance of Orange Township’.

SECTION 2. ENACTMENT

This Ordinance is enacted pursuant to the authority conferred by the “Vehicle Code”, Act of 1976, June 17, 1962, No. 81, Section 1, effective July 1, 1977 (75 Pa.C.S.A. § 101 et seq.), as amended and is intended to include and be subject to all provisions of Section 4902 of the “Vehicle Code”, 75 Pa.C.S.A. §4902 and all Pennsylvania Department of Transportation regulations promulgated under the “Vehicle Code”, by way of illustration and not limitation, under Sections 4902(1) and 6103 (75 Pa. C.S.A. §~4902(f) and 6103).

SECTION 3. DEFINITIONS

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

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

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.

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).

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

SECTION 4. FINDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP

The Board of Supervisors has determined and hereby determines based upon weight and size restrictions based on highway conditions and studies and otherwise that the following roads be damaged or destroyed unless the permissible weight of motor vehicles is restricted to the weight limits listed. A complete list of the roads, identified by their Route Number, Road Name, Part of the Road Restricted and Weight Limit, is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and is made a part hereof.

SECTION 5. VEHICLE WEIGHT LIMITS ESTABLISHED

(A) Pursuant to the findings under Section 4, supra., and by authority of §4902 of the "Vehicle Code" and regulations promulgated thereunder, no motor vehicle or combination shall be operated upon any of the roads listed in Section 4 with gross weight in excess of the weight limits listed for said road in Section 4.

(B) Local traffic as defined herein shall be exempted from the restrictions imposed under Section (A) 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 two (2) business days following delivery of the notice, or after five (5) days following mailing of the notice, such local traffic vehicles shall not exceed the weight limits except in accordance with Section 7 hereof.

SECTION 6. PERMITS AND SECURITY

Individuals or entities wishing to operate vehicles in excess of established weight limits on restricted weight Township roads may apply for a permit to do so on a form provided by the Township, Said permit application will be referred to the Township Roadmaster who shall:

- a. Place the issue on the agenda for a meeting of the Board of Supervisors; and

- b. Consult with the Third Party Consultant as necessary to determine the amount of security/bond to be posted by the applicant. The amount of security shall be calculated in accordance with Title 67, Chapter 189 of the Pennsylvania Code or its equivalent; and
- c. Present a recommendation to the Supervisors to include the amount of security to be posted by the applicant if the permit is approved.

No permit will be issued until the application is approved by the Board of Supervisors at a scheduled public meeting and, if required, security has been posted with the Township Secretary. The Board of Supervisors may, by resolution, delegate the authority to approve permits and set security to the Roadmaster or other official of the Township.

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.

SECTION 7. 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 Ordinance. 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.

SECTION 8. 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 Section 4 shall, upon conviction by a Magisterial District Justice, pay a fine consistent with the applicable section of the Pennsylvania Motor Vehicle Code in effect at the time of the violation.

The current applicable section of the Code, 4902(g), states:

(g) PENALTY -

(1) Any person operating a vehicle or combination upon a highway or bridge in violation of a prohibition or restriction imposed under subsection (a) 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.

(2) Any person operating a vehicle or combination in violation of a prohibition or restriction imposed under subsection (b) is guilty of a summary offense and shall, upon conviction, be sentenced to pay a fine of not less than \$25 and not more than \$100.

SECTION 9. 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 Orange Township that this Ordinance would have been adopted had such unconstitutional, illegal, or invalid sentence, clause or section not been included herein.


SECTION 10.

This Ordinance shall become effective five (5) days after enactment.

SECTION 11. REPEALS

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

DULY ENACTED AND ORDAINED this 4th day of November 2010, by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Orange, Columbia County, Pennsylvania.

ATTEST: 
Secretary

(SEAL)

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF
ORANGE TOWNSHIP

By: 
Chairman

By: Steven C. Hoffman
Supervisor

By: John D. Fox
Supervisor

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EXHIBIT "A"

Route Number	Road Name	Between	Weight Limit
T490	Lee Road	Entire Road	
T512	Crouse Hollow Road	Entire Road	15 Tons
T514	Diehls Rd	Entire Road	10 Tons
T516	Hacks Rd	Entire Road	25 Tons
T518	Bartholomew Rd	Entire Road	20 Tons
T521	Buck Rd	Entire Road	10 Tons
T523	Megargell Rd	From: SR 487 To: SR 1007= Stoney Brook Rd	No Weight Limit
T523	Megargell Rd	From: SR 1007= Stoney Brook Rd To: T-521= Buck Road	10 Tons
T525	Whitmire Rd	Entire Road	
T550	Trump Rd	Entire Road	25 Tons Δ
T551	Fester Rd	From: Township Line To: T-516= Hacks Road	10 Tons
T551	Fester Rd	From: T-516= Hacks Road To: SR 4037= Bowmans Mill Rd	25 Tons
T556	Gass Rd	Entire Road	
T557	EJ Hall Rd	Entire Road	10 Tons
T558	Montague Hollow Rd	West End of T-558	10 Tons
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T559	Welliversville Rd	Entire Road	15 Tons
T560	Dietterick Hill Rd	Entire Road	10 Tons **
T561	McHenry Hill Rd	Entire Road	10 Tons
T563	Arc Rd	Entire Road	15 Tons
T564	Sponenberg Hill Rd	Entire Road	No Weight Limit
T565	Moores Rd	Entire Road	15 Tons
T566	Lodge Rd	Entire Road	10 Tons
T568	Oman Rd	From: SR 4037= Bowmans Mill Rd To: T-561= McHenry Hill Rd	20 Tons
T568	Oman Rd	From: T-561= McHenry Hill Rd To: T-570= Kline Rd	10 Tons
T569	Sportsman Club Rd	Entire Road	15 Tons
T570	Kline Rd	From: SR 4037= Bowmans Mill Rd To: T-550= Trump Rd	10 Tons
T570	Kline Rd	From: T-550= Trump Rd To: SR 4020= Mount Green Creek Rd	No Weight Limit
T572	Nor-Pole Rd	Entire Road	
T573	Evans La	Entire Road	25 Tons
T575	Black Rd	Entire Road	25 Tons
T576	Martenas Rd	Entire Road	10 Tons
T577	Hartman Hollow Rd	Entire Road	10 Tons
T661	Vantage Dr	Entire Road	10 Tons **
T662	Chandler Dr	Entire Road	20 Tons
T664	Savage Hollow Rd	Entire Road	No Weight Limit
			10 Tons

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EXHIBIT A

Continued

Route Number	Road Name	Between	Weight Limit
T666	Belles Rd	Entire Road	10 Tons
T667	Knob Mtn Terrace Rd	Entire Road	20 Tons
T668	Longview Dr	Entire Road	15 Tons
T670	Sandy Stone Dr	Entire Road	10 Tons
T690	Woods Edge Dr	Entire Road	20 Tons
T691	Circle Dr	Entire Road	20 Tons
T692	West Woods Edge Dr	Entire Road	20 Tons
T810	Savage Hill Dr	Entire Road	20 Tons
T830	Neyhart Rd	Entire Road	15 Tons

** Indicates township roads rating less than 10 Tons. See report for details.

Δ Indicates roads in adjacent township have lower weight restrictions recommendations because of different roadway structures.