

TOWNSHIP OF THOMPSON  
Susquehanna County, Pa.  
Ordinance No. 10

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF THOMPSON,  
SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA IMPOSING  
RESTRICTIONS AS TO THE WEIGHT OF VEHICLES  
OPERATING UPON THE TOWNSHIP ROADS OR  
BRIDGES: PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUING OF  
SPECIAL PERMITS FOR MOVEMENT OF VEHICLES  
OF WEIGHTS IN EXCESS OF MAXIMUM WEIGHT  
ESTABLISHED: AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES  
FOR VIOLATIONS.

BE IT RESOLVED, and it is hereby resolved, by the Board  
of Supervisors of the TOWNSHIP OF THOMPSON, a municipal corpor-  
ation of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, being situate in  
the County of Susquehanna of said Commonwealth, as follows:

Section 1: Short Title

This Ordinance shall be known and may be cited as "Motor  
Vehicle Size, Weight and Load Limitations Ordinance of the  
Township of Thompson.

Section 2: Enactment

This Ordinance is enacted pursuant to the authority con-  
ferred by the "Vehicle Code", Act of 1976, June 17, P.L. 162  
No. 81 §1, effective July 1, 1977 (75 Pa. C.S.A. §101 et. seq.)  
as amended.

Section 3: Effective Date

This Ordinance shall become effective in thirty days.

Section 4: Definitions

The following words when used in this Ordinance shall  
have the meaning ascribed to them in this Section, except in

those instances where the context clearly indicates a different meaning;

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 section 6106 of the Vehicle Code (relating to designation of emergency vehicles by Pennsylvania State Police)

Motor Vehicle- Any vehicle or combination which is defined and/or governed by the "Vehicle Code", 75 Pa. C.P.S. § 101 et seq, as amended.

School Bus- A motor vehicle designed for carrying more than ten passengers, exclusive of the driver, and used for the transportation of school children.

#### Section 5:

##### Findings of the Board of Supervisors of the Township

The Board of Supervisors have determined and hereby determine that upon 48 (forty eight) hours advanced notice in a local paper, any or all roads will be posted for weight limits of tons. This decision will be based on weather conditions, and the decision to post said roads will be the responsibility of the Road Master. Posting will continue until the road is in Satisfactory condition, and then and only then, will the Road Master lift posted weight limit restrictions.

##### Section 6: Vehicle Weight Limits Established

(A) Pursuant to the findings under section 5, supra, no motor vehicle or combination shall, when operated on any of the roads or bridges listed in Section 5, have a gross weight exceeding the weight limit listed for said road in Section 5.

(B) The following motor vehicles shall be exempted from the restrictions imposed under subsection (A) above:

- (1) School Buses
- (2) Emergency Vehicles
- (3) Vehicles making local deliveries or pickups

#### SECTION 7: PERMITS AND SECURITY

The Board of Supervisors of the Township may issue permits for the movement of motor vehicles or combinations of size and weight in excess of the restrictions imposed under Section 6, supra, and require such undertaking or security as the Board of Supervisors deems necessary to cover the cost of anticipated or probable repairs and/or restoration necessitated by the permitted movement of vehicles.

All actions taken under the authority of this section shall be taken in accordance with the rules and regulations adopted from time to time by the Board of Supervisors and in the absence thereof 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 8: ERECTION OF SIGNS

The Township shall erect or cause to be erected and maintained restriction signs designating the restrictions at each end of a bridge or portion of road restricted as provided in this Ordinance. In the case of a restriction on a bridge or on a road which does not begin or end at an intersection with an unrestricted road, the Township shall also place an advance

informational sign at the intersection nearest each end of the restricted bridge or portion of road which would allow drivers to avoid the restricted bridge or portion of road. No person shall be convicted of violating any section of this Ordinance unless the restriction sign designating the restricted bridge or portion of road to traffic moving in the direction the person was driving was posted as required in this section. However, failure to post the restriction sign designating the restricted bridge or portion of road to traffic moving in the opposite direction or failure to post any advance informational sign shall not constitute a defense to a violation of this section.

#### SECTION 9: 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 6 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.

#### SECTION 10: SEVERABILITY

The provisions of this Ordinance are severable. If any sentence, clause or section of this Ordinance is for any rea-

son 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 the Township of Thompson that this Ordinance would have been adopted had such unconstitutional, illegal, or invalid sentence, clause or section not been included herein.

Section 11: Repeals

All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with the Ordinance are hereby repealed in so far as they may be inconsistent herewith.

Enacted and Ordained this 5th day of October, 1987

The Board of Supervisors of the  
Township of Thompson

By Carl Cottrell  
Chairman of the Board

By Gerald Sheldon  
Supervisor

By Indith Callender  
Supervisor

Attest:

Beverly Sheldon  
Secretary