

NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE CREATING A PERMIT REQUIREMENT FOR AGRICULTURAL COMMERCIAL VEHICLES AND IMPLEMENTS OF HUSBANDRY

To the Citizens and Land-Owners of the Town of _Roxbury:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on _December 15, 2014, the Town Board of the Town of Roxbury adopted an Ordinance Establishing a Permit Requirement For Agricultural Commercial Vehicles and Implements of Husbandry. A full copy of the Ordinance is available [on the website of the Town at www.townofRoxbury.wi.us] [at the Town Hall during regular business hours][by email or regular mail on request]. The Town Clerk can be contacted at 608-643-4762 or by email at pings@merr.com

SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE:

Legislation adopted in 2014 increased the allowable weight and and length of agricultural vehicles operated on Wisconsin highways. The higher limits apply on town roads unless a town adopts an ordinance to require the vehicle owner to obtain a permit before operating a vehicle which exceeds the previous weight limits. In order to protect the Town's roads from excessive wear, and assure that vehicles are safe to operate on town roads, the Town will require that the operators of agricultural commercial vehicles and implements of husbandry have a permit to use town roads if the vehicles exceed 80,000 pounds in weight and/or the overall length limit of 60 feet for a single vehicle and 100 feet for a two-vehicle combination.

Farmers who have any questions about farm vehicles should contact the Town to determine whether a permit is required.

The Ordinance imposes a forfeiture for overweight operation.

TOWN OF ROXBURY

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AN ORDINANCE: ESTABLISHING A PERMIT REQUIREMENT FOR AGRICULTURAL COMMERCIAL VEHICLES AND IMPLEMENTS OF HUSBANDRY

The Town Board of Supervisors of the Town of _Roxbury does ordain as follows:

ARTICLE 1. An Ordinance Establishing A Permit Requirement For Agricultural Commercial Vehicles and Implements of Husbandry is hereby created to read as follows.

REGULATIONS APPLICABLE TO AGRICULTURAL COMMERCIAL VEHICLES AND IMPLEMENTS OF HUSBANDRY.

Section 1. DEFINITIONS. As used in this Ordinance, the following terms have the following meaning:

- (1) "Agricultural Commercial Vehicle" shall have the meaning given in Sec. 340.01(1o).
- (2) "Implement of Husbandry" shall have the meaning given in Sec. 340.01(24).
- (3) "Maintaining authority" shall mean the Town.
- (4) "Town Agent" means the Town officer or employee who has been designated by the Town Board to process applications, issue permits and pursue enforcement of violations on behalf of the Town.

Section 2. PROHIBITION.

It shall be unlawful and a violation of this ordinance for any person, without a permit therefor, to operate an implement of husbandry, including a Category B implement of husbandry, or an agricultural commercial vehicle on any Town road under the jurisdiction of the Town which exceeds the length and/or weight limits imposed by s. 348.15(3)(g), Wis. Stats.

Section 3. ADMINISTRATION.

- (1) Authority. This Ordinance is adopted under the authority of s. 348.27(19)(b)5a, Wis. Stats. and Trans 230 of the Wisconsin Administrative Code.
- (2) Permits. Applications for permits shall be made to the Town at the Town Hall, {ADDRESS}. Only applications containing all required information shall be processed.
- (3) Fee. No fee shall be charged for issuance of a permit.
- (4) Review. Upon receiving an application for a permit under this section, the Town Agent shall provide the applicant with a final decision on the application within three (3) weeks of its receipt. If the Town Agent fails to approve or deny the application during this 3-week period, the application is considered approved until the applicant receives a denial meeting the requirement of subsection (6) or until six (6) weeks from receipt of the application. If the Town Agent fails to approve or deny the application within 6 weeks of its receipt, the application is approved.

(5) Amendment. Any person to whom a permit has been issued under this section may, at any time, apply for an amendment to the permit to reflect a change in the applicant's circumstances or information, including a change in the listing or map of highways to be traveled. Upon receiving an application for amendment, the Town Agent shall provide the applicant with a decision on the application within five (5) business days of its receipt. If the Town Agent fails to approve or deny the application within the 5-day period, the application is considered approved until the applicant receives a denial under subsection (6) or until 10 business days from receipt of the application. If the Town Agent fails to approve or deny the application within 10 business days of its receipt, the application is approved.

(6) Denial of permit. If the Town Agent denies a permit application it shall notify the applicant in writing of the denial and the notice shall include a reasonable and structurally based explanation of the denial that relates to the preservation of the roadway. If the only basis to deny the application is the listing or map of highways accompanying the application, the Town Agent shall modify the application to include an approved alternate route or map of highways for operation and approve the application.

(7) Permit renewal. Permits issued under this section shall automatically renew each year unless there is a material change to any roadway for which the permit applies. Permit holders shall be notified in writing of a non-renewal.

(8) Suspension/Revocation of Permit. Alteration of a permit, providing false information on the permit application or failure to comply with the conditions of a permit shall be just cause for suspension of a permit upon verbal or written notice or revocation of a permit upon notice and an opportunity for a hearing.

(9) Appeal. Any person aggrieved by an adverse determination by the Town Agent under this section, shall file a written request for appeal with the Public Works Committee within 30 days of the date of the adverse decision.

Section 4. ENFORCEMENT.

Failure to obtain a permit or to have permit in possession shall constitute a violation. The Town Agent may, upon receipt of a complaint or observation of a violation, commence appropriate procedures to enforce this Ordinance. The Town hereby authorizes enforcement by the Dane County Sheriff's Department.

Section 5. PENALTIES.

(1) If weight exceeds by 1,000 pounds or less – forfeiture of not less than \$50 and not more than \$100 upon first conviction and upon the 2nd and each subsequent conviction within a 12-month period, a forfeiture of not less than \$100 nor more than \$200.

(2) If weight exceeds by more than 1,000 pounds:

(a) For the first conviction, a forfeiture of not less than \$50 nor more than \$200 plus an amount equal to whichever of the following applies:

1. One cent for each pound of total excess load when the total excess is not over 2,000 pounds.

2. Three cents for each pound of total excess load if the excess is over 2,000 pounds and not over 3,000 pounds.
3. Five cents for each pound of total excess load if the excess is over 3,000 pounds and not over 4,000 pounds.
4. Eight cents for each pound of total excess load if the excess is over 4,000 pounds and not over 5,000 pounds.
5. Fifteen cents for each pound of total excess load if the excess is over 5,000 100 pounds.

(b) For the 2nd 101 and each subsequent conviction within a 12-month period, a forfeiture of not less than \$100 nor more than \$300, plus an amount equal to whichever of the following applies:

1. Two cents for each pound of total excess load when the total excess is not over 2,000 pounds.
2. Five cents for each pound of total excess load if the excess is over 2,000 pounds and not over 3,000 pounds.
3. Eight cents for each pound of total excess load if the excess is over 3,000 and not over 4,000 pounds.
4. Twelve cents for each pound of total excess load if the excess is over 4,000 pounds and not over 5,000 pounds.
5. Eighteen cents for each pound of total excess load if the excess is over 5,000 pounds.

NON-CODE PROVISION: The effective date of this ordinance amendment shall be January 15, 2015.