COUNTY OF WOODFORD)	
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STATE OF ILLINOIS)

ORDINANCE #2016/17-015

ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY BOARD WOODFORD COUNTY, ILLINOIS

SPRING ROAD WEIGHT LIMITATIONS

WHEREAS, Chapter 625, Section 5/15-316 of the Illinois Vehicle code authorizes local authorities, with respect to highways under their jurisdiction, by ordinance or resolution, to prohibit the operation of vehicles upon such highways or to impose restrictions as to the weight of vehicles operating upon such highways, for a total period not to exceed 90 days in any one calendar year, which prohibition and limitation shall be designed by appropriate signs placed on such highways, or may impose restrictions as to the weight thereof on designated highways, which prohibition and limitation shall be designated by appropriate signs placed on such highways; and,

WHEREAS, the county roadways which are typically constructed of dirt, aggregate, bituminous surface treatment, or bituminous concrete are not designed for heavy travel during periods of freezing and thawing, and thus the county roadways will be seriously damaged or destroyed unless the permissible weight limits are established for vehicles using the roadways; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Woodford County Board to restrict, from time, to time, vehicle weights to 5.0 ton (10,000 pounds) per axle on all county highways, except those highways or portions of highways listed herein as exceptions, from January 15 to April 15 of each year, provided that the total period of restricted limitations shall not exceed 90 calendar days in any one year; and

WHEREAS, the Woodford County Highway Department may temporarily suspend the spring weight limitations from time to time when weather conditions are favorable during the said 90 calendar day period; and

WHEREAS, certain cargo tank vehicles with two or three permanent axles for delivering propane for emergency heating purposes must from time to time use the county roads per 625 ILCS 5/15-316. Said vehicles must not be loaded more than 50% of capacity, the gross vehicle weight shall not exceed 32,000 pounds and the driver of the cargo tank notifies the Woodford County Highway Department before driving the vehicle on the highway. The cargo tank vehicle shall have an operating gauge on the cargo tank indicating the amount of propane as a percent of cargo tank capacity. The capacity of the cargo tank must be displayed on the tank, or documentation of said tank capacity must be available in the vehicle. Propane weighs 4.2 pounds per gallon for the purpose of the Ordinance. Nothing in this Ordinance shall allow cargo tank vehicles to cross bridges with posted weight restrictions if the vehicle exceeds the posted weight limits.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The load limit on all county highways, except those highways or portions thereof listed herein as exceptions, shall be 5.0 tons per axle during the time period of January 15 through April 15 of each year, said axle weight to be determined by dividing the gross weight of the vehicle by the total number of axles (including steering axle), except in the case of towed wagons, in which case the towing vehicle and each wagon shall be considered and weighed as individual units; and

- 2. The Woodford County Engineer shall erect and maintain signs designating the provisions of this resolution at each end of the portion of any roadway affected by this resolution, and this resolution shall not be effective unless such signs are present; and
- 3. The following roads serving as access to the several cities, towns, and villages in Woodford County will be excepted from the provisions of this ordinance and will not be posted:

County Highway #1 - from IL Route 116 to CH #11

County Highway #11 - from CH #1 to IL Route 89

County Highway #2 - from I-39 to the east end of CH #2 in Minonk, Illinois

County Highway #3 – from Cruger to U. S. Route 24

County Highway #5 - from Secor to U. S. Route 24

County Highway #5 - from IL 116 to 1,100 feet north of IL Route 116 to the IDOT maintenance shed

County Highway #8 – from U.S. Route 150 to 1.25 miles north of U.S. Route 150

County Highway #13 – from Front Street in Roanoke to the Woodford County Highway Department

County Highway #21 - from the south Village limit to Congerville to U. S. Route 150

County Highway #23 – entire highway

County Highway #24 – from Low Point to IL Route 89; and

- 4. All emergency vehicles operating from the various fire departments and highway departments in Woodford County, or operating under the jurisdiction of the Woodford County Emergency Services Department are exempt from these limitations; and
- 5. School buses which are being used by an official school district or school-related activity are exempt from these limitations; and
- 6. When any vehicle is operated in violation of this resolution, the owner or driver of the vehicle shall be deemed guilty of a violation and either the owner or driver of the vehicle may be prosecuted for the violation. Any person, firm, or corporation convicted of violating this resolution shall be fined \$50.00 for any weight exceeding the posted limit up to the axle gross weight limit allowed a vehicle as provided for in Subsections (a) or (b) of 625 ILCS 5/15-111 and \$75.00 per every 500 pounds or fraction thereof for any weight exceeding that which is provided in Subsections (a) or (b) of 625 ILCS 5/15-111. If section 625 ILCS 5/15-316 (e) is revised at any time after the adoption of this resolution, the assess fines set forth in the revised section shall be applicable to this resolution and will become incorporated into this resolution, and
- 7. If any provision of this ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are declared severable; and
- 8. The provisions of this ordinance shall be effective upon adoption of this ordinance, and any previously adopted resolutions or ordinances restriction axle weights as provided for in the aforementioned statue 625 ILCS 5/15-316 shall be rescinded (the ordinance establishing gross weight limitations shall not be affected by this provision).

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BE IT FUTHER ORDAINED: That at the sole discretion and judgement of the County Engineer, the County Engineer
may decrease the distance of the exceptions listed in #3 above. The County Engineer shall not increase the
distance of the exceptions.
Adopted this 17th day of October , 2017 A.D.
STATE OF ILLINOIS)
COUNTY OF WOODFORD)
I, Debbie Harms, County Clerk in and for said County, in the State aforesaid, and keeper of the records and files
thereof, as provided by statute, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true, perfect and complete copy of an
ordinance adopted by the County Board of Woodford County at its regular meeting held in Eureka, Illinois on the
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said County at my office in Eureka
Illinois, in said County, this <u>17th</u> day of <u>October</u> , 2017 A.D.
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Debbie Harms – Clerk of the Woodford County Board Stan Glazier – Chairman of Woodford County Board