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COUNTY OF DAUPHIN COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

ORDINANCE No. 06-2019

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY OF DAUPHIN, PENNSYLVANIA, IMPOSING A TWENTY-TWO (22) TON WEIGHT LIMIT, AND TWENTY-FIVE (25) TON WEIGHT LIMIT FOR COMBINATIONS, FOR DAUPHIN COUNTY BRIDGE NO. 56 WHICH CARRIES T-702 ENGLE ROAD OVER CONEWAGO CREEK IN LONDONDERRY TOWNSHIP, DAUPHIN COUNTY; AND FURTHER, PROVIDING FOR AND AUTHORIZING PROPER OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES, AND CONTRACTORS OF THIS COUNTY TO TAKE ALL REQUIRED, NECESSARY OR DESIRABLE ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THIS ORDINANCE.

WHEREAS, the County of Dauphin, Pennsylvania (the "County"), is a County of the third class of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, the County Board of Commissioners, pursuant to the County Code, 16 P.S.§2601 et. seq., possess the general legal authority to provide for County bridges within the boundaries of the County; and

WHEREAS, the County is the owner of a particular bridge known as Dauphin County Bridge No. 56, which carries T-702, formerly T-301, Engle Road over Conewago Creek in Londonderry Township, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania, which meets and becomes Lancaster County Conewago Creek Bridge #1, T-300 Covered Bridge Road in Conoy Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania (hereinafter referred to as the "Bridge"); and

WHEREAS, the designated County Engineer, Herbert, Rowland & Grubic, Inc., conducted an inspection of the Bridge in accordance with the National Bridge Inspection Standards (NBIS) and the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation's General Scope of Work for the Safety Inspection of State and Local Bridges and found certain degradation, and

WHEREAS, as a result of the inspection findings, the aforesaid County Engineer has recommended that the maximum weight limits for the Bridge be reduced to twenty-two (22) tons and 25 tons for combinations, respectively, the posting of which having been reviewed and approved by PennDOT District 8-0; and

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code, 75 Pa. C.S.A.§4902, authorizes local authorities to impose restrictions as to the weight or size of vehicles operated upon any highways and bridges under their jurisdiction, whenever such local authorities shall determine that any such highway or bridge may be damaged or destroyed unless the permissible size or weight of vehicles is reduced; and

WHEREAS, the Dauphin County Board of Commissioners have determined, as a result of the inspection findings of the Bridge, that said bridge will be damaged or destroyed unless the permissible weight of vehicles is reduced to the recommended levels.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing, it is hereby ENACTED and ORDAINED by the County of Dauphin as follows:

SECTION 1. It shall be unlawful for any person to operate any motor vehicle, including but not limited to, any bus, commercial implement of husbandry, construction truck, covered farm vehicle, electric vehicle, farm equipment, house coach, house trailer, implement of husbandry, limousine, mass transit vehicle, mobile home, motor carrier vehicle, motor home, recreational trailer, recreational cargo trailer, school bus, semitrailer, truck, truck camper, truck tractor, or wrecker, having a gross weight in excess of twenty-two (22) tons, and any combination having a gross weight in excess of twenty-five (25) tons, on or over Dauphin County Bridge No. 56, which carries T-702, formerly T-301, Engle Road over Conewago Creek in Londonderry Township, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania, which meets and becomes Lancaster County Conewago Creek Bridge #1, T-300 Covered Bridge Road in Conoy Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, at the Dauphin/Lancaster County border.

SECTION 2. Penalties for violation of this Ordinance shall be as set forth in the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code, 75 Pa. C.S.A.§4902 (g)(1) & (2), as amended.

SECTION 3. All fines, penalties, and forfeitures imposed and collected under this Ordinance shall be disposed of by the collecting authority in the manner prescribed by the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

SECTION 4. The County hereby authorizes the appropriate officers, employees, and contractors of this County to take all other required, necessary or desirable action to carry out the intent of this Ordinance, including but not limited to, the proper posting of this weight restriction as required by the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code, 75 Pa.C.S.A. 4902(e), and PennDOT Publication 238.

SECTION 5. The provisions of this Ordinance are severable. If any provision of this Ordinance or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect any other provision or application of this Ordinance.

SECTION 6. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately after its adoption and shall take precedence over and otherwise supersede all prior Ordinances that may conflict herewith.

ENACTED AND ORDAINED, by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Dauphin, Pennsylvania, in lawful session duly assembled, this 25th day of September 2019.

ATTEST:

DAUPHIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Chad Sayle

Chief Clerk/Chief of Staff

Jeffrey/I/Haste, Chairman

Mike Pries, Vice Chairman

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