TOWN OF MARSHFIELD
FOND DU LAC COUNTY, WISCONSIN

ORDINANCE NO. 2020 - 001

ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SEASONAL WEIGHT LIMITS

The Town Board of the Town of Marshfield, Fond du Lac County, Wisconsin, upon a majority vote of the Town Board with a quorum present and proper notice having been given, adopts this Ordinance to establish seasonal weight limits on certain Town highways:

1. Authority. The Town has the specific authority under Wis. Stat., ss 349.16 to adopt this Ordinance.

2. Subject Highways. The seasonal weight limits established herein shall apply to the following Town highways:

a. Linden Lane
b. Pecan Lane
c. Oak Road
d. Apple Lane
e. Willow Road
f. Basswood Road
g. Walnut Road
h. Holly Road from County Hwy. WH to Maple Road
i. Fire Lane 832
j. Hickory Road from County Hwy G to County Hwy GG
k. Cypress Road

3. Applicable Weight Limit. The maximum gross vehicle weight limit applicable to the highways described in Section 2 shall be 64,000 pounds.

4. Seasonal Applicability. The weight limits established by this Ordinance shall apply during the period from March 1 through May 15 of each year.

5. Exceptions. The seasonal weight limits established by this Ordinance shall not apply to the following vehicles if traveling to or from a location within the Town:

a. School buses.
b. Milk haulers.

c. Feed haulers, provided that no feed hauler may make more than one trip per day to or from any one location in the Town in excess of the weight limit established by Section 3.

d. Vehicles used to transport material pumped from a septic or holding tank if, because of health concerns, material needs to be removed from a septic or holding tank within 24 hours after the vehicle owner or operator is notified and if the vehicle is operated for the purpose of emptying the septic or holding tank and disposing of its contents and is operated on a route that minimizes travel on the highways subject to the weight limitations imposed herein. Any septic hauler hauling pursuant to this exception shall, within 72 hours after operating under this exception, notify the Town that it exceeded the seasonal weight limitations set forth herein.

6. Exemptions. The Town Chairperson may grant exemptions to the weight limit established in Section 3 on a case-by-case basis depending on weather and road conditions and any other relevant factors.

7. Violations. No person may operate any vehicle on the above-described highways in violation of the weight limits set forth herein. Violations of this Ordinance are subject to forfeitures of not less than $200 nor more than $500, plus the costs of prosecution and attorneys' fees, for each violation. Each trip in violation of this Ordinance constitutes a separate offense. Persons violating this Ordinance shall also be responsible for any road damage caused by the violation. The Town may also seek injunctive relief, abatement orders, and other equitable relief as necessary to prevent further violations.

8. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall go into effect upon its publication and the erection of signage as required by the Department of Transportation.

Adopted this 13th day of January, 2020.

TOWN OF MARSHFIELD

By: John Bord
John Bord, Town Chairperson

Attest:

Marlene J. Sippel
Marlene J. Sippel, Town Clerk