

ORDINANCE NO. 95-2001

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CENTRE, BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 26A-1993 OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CENTRE, AS AMENDED, PROVIDING FOR THE REGULATION OF TRAFFIC IN THE TOWNSHIP, GENERALLY, AND SPECIFICALLY HEREIN AMENDING ARTICLE II GENERALLY ESTABLISHING RESTRICTIONS ON SIZE, WEIGHT AND TYPE OF VEHICLES AND LOAD AND SPECIFICALLY PROVIDING FOR A VEHICLE WEIGHT LIMIT ON TROLLEY ROAD BRIDGE

WHEREAS, Trolley Road Bridge in the Township of Centre, Berks County, Pennsylvania is a public road; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Centre has the power to establish restrictions on size, weight and type of vehicle and load on the Township roadways under the provisions of the Motor Vehicle Code of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Centre deem it advisable for the safety of the motoring public to establish a new section in the Township's traffic ordinance for restrictions on size, weight and type of vehicle and load and specifically restricting the weight on Trolley Road Bridge, Centre Township.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Centre, Berks County, Pennsylvania, and it is hereby ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the authority of the same as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 6 of Article II of Ordinance No. 26A-1993 governing traffic regulations is hereby amended and restated in its entirety as follows:

"Section 6.

A. Unlawful to Operate Motor Vehicles on Highways Closed for Construction or Repair. It shall be unlawful for any person to operate any vehicle or tractor upon any highway in the Township that is under construction, resurfacing or repair in disregard or any official sign, barricade or notice that the same is closed to vehicular traffic.

B. Restrictions on Size, Weight and Type of Vehicle and Load.

1. Vehicle Weight Limits Established on Certain Streets and Bridges.

(a) On the following bridges and streets or parts of streets, by authority granted by Section 4902(a) of the Vehicle Code, it shall be unlawful for any person or persons to drive any vehicle or combination having a gross weight in excess of the maximum prescribed below for that bridge or street or part of street, as the case may be:

<u>Street or Bridge</u>	<u>Between</u>	<u>Maximum Gross Weight</u>
Trolley Road Bridge	Entire Span	Ten (10) Tons

(b) Any person who violates any provision of this section shall be prosecuted under Sections 4902(a) and 4902(g-1) of the Vehicle Code, and, upon conviction, shall be sentenced to pay a fine of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) plus one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) for each five hundred (500) pounds, or part thereof, in excess of three thousand (3,000) pounds over the maximum allowable weight, and costs.

2. Restrictions on Size of Vehicles on Certain Streets and Bridges.

(a) On the following bridges and streets or parts of streets, by authority granted by Section 4902(a) of the Vehicle Code, it shall be unlawful for any person to drive any vehicle or combination in violation of the size restrictions prescribed below for that bridge or street or part of street:

<u>Street or Bridge</u>	<u>Between</u>	<u>Restrictions</u>
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(Reserved for future use)

(b) Any person who violates any provision of this section shall be prosecuted under Section 4902(a) and 4902(g-1) of the Vehicle Code, and, upon conviction, shall be sentenced to pay a fine of seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) and costs.

3. Restrictions as to Weight and Size of Vehicles on Certain Streets and Bridges.

(a) By reason of hazardous traffic conditions and other safety factors, by authority granted in Section 4902(b) of the Vehicle Code, it shall be unlawful for any person to drive any vehicle or combination in violation of the restriction prescribed below for that bridge or street or part of street:

Street or Bridge Between Restrictions

(Reserved for future use)

(b) Any person who violates any provision of this section shall be prosecuted under Section 4902(b) and 4902(g-1) of the Vehicle Code, and, upon conviction, shall be sentenced to pay a fine of not less than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) and not more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) and costs.

4. Truck Traffic Restricted on Certain Streets

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to drive a vehicle other than a passenger car on any of the following streets or parts of streets:

Street Between

(Reserved for future use)

Provided: nothing in this section shall prohibit any person from driving an emergency vehicle on any of those streets or parts of streets, or from driving on any of those streets or parts of streets a truck or other commercial vehicle making local deliveries to or pickups from premises located along that street or part of a street.

(b) Any person who violates any provision of this section shall, upon conviction, be sentenced to pay a fine of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) and costs.”

SECTION 2. The proper Township officials be, and they hereby are, authorized and directed to erect official “10 TON WEIGHT LIMIT” signs and “ONE LANE BRIDGE” signs to be placed at appropriate warning distances on both sides of the entrance of the Trolley Road Bridge at such a position as to face traffic approaching the bridge.

SECTION 3. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed, insofar but only insofar as the same are inconsistent herewith.

SECTION 4. If any sentence, clause, section or part of this Ordinance is, for any reason, found to be unconstitutional, illegal or invalid, such unconstitutionality, illegality or invalidity shall not affect or impact any other remaining provisions, sentences, clauses, sections or parts of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared as the intent of the Township of Centre that this Ordinance would have been adopted had such unconstitutional, illegal or invalid sentence, clause, section or part thereof had not been included herein.


SECTION 5. This Ordinance shall become effective on the earliest date allowed by law.

ENACTED AND ORDAINED into law, this 12th day of November, 2001 by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Centre, Berks County, Pennsylvania.


BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
TOWNSHIP OF CENTRE



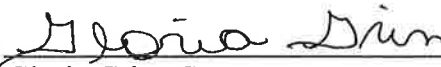
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