

**AN ORDINANCE OF MIFFLIN TOWNSHIP, DAUPHIN COUNTY,
PENNSYLVANIA, ESTABLISHING WEIGHT LIMITS FOR
VEHICLES ON TOWNSHIP ROAD 556 IN MIFFLIN TOWNSHIP,
DAUPHIN COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

WHEREAS, Mifflin Township has requested the Engineering firm of Greenhorne & O'Mara, Inc., of Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania, to conduct an Engineering and Traffic Study including road analysis of Township Road 556 in accordance with the Regulations for Engineering and Traffic Studies being set forth in 67 Pa. Code, Chapter 201, and pursuant to Section 6109(e) of the Vehicle Code of June 17, 1976, P.L. 162, as amended, 75 Pa. C.S.A. 6109(e); and

WHEREAS, said report concluded that limiting the weight of traffic on said road will prevent accelerated deterioration of the road and will improve the overall safety for pedestrians, vehicles and residents; and

WHEREAS, Section 4902(a) of the Vehicle Code, 75 Pa. C.S.A. 4902(a), authorizes local authorities with respect to highways under their jurisdiction to impose weight limitation on said highways when they determine that the same may be damaged or destroyed unless the permissible weight of said vehicles is reduced; and

WHEREAS, Section 6109(a)(7) of the Vehicle Code, 75 Pa. C.S.A. 6109(a)(7), also authorizes local authorities, in the exercise of their reasonable police powers, to restrict the use of highways whenever the highway, or a portion thereof, may be severely damaged by such use or the movement of the vehicles or would constitute a safety hazard; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Mifflin Township, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania, after due consideration of the type of construction and condition of the road, the width of the road, the rolling terrain over which the road passes, the curves in the road, the use of the road and particularly by school buses, the proximity of dwelling houses to said road and the engineering and traffic study made by the Engineering firm of Greenhorn & O'Mara, Inc. has determined that it is in the best interests of the residents of Mifflin Township and the users of Township Road 556 to impose a weight limitation on said road.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED into law, as follows:

1. Except as provided in Section 2 herein, Township Road 556 from Pennsylvania State Route 0025 to Legislative Route 22037 is hereby restricted to vehicles not exceeding a gross weight of 20,000 pounds.

2. The weight limitation set forth in Section 1 herein shall not apply to school buses, farm vehicles, vehicles hauling farming products, grain or commodities, milk trucks, fuel delivery trucks, road maintenance trucks, fire and ambulance vehicles, emergency vehicles, utility service vehicles and vehicles making local deliveries or pickups at residences or businesses along Township Road 556.

3. This Ordinance shall become effective within thirty (30) days of the date of its enactment.

4. Any person operating a vehicle or combination upon said road exceeding the maximum gross weight set forth herein shall, upon conviction before a District Justice, be guilty of a summary offense, and shall be sentenced to pay a fine of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) plus costs of prosecution.

All other Ordinances inconsistent with the provisions set forth herein are hereby repealed.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED INTO LAW this 14 day of February, 1995.

ATTEST:

Daniel L. Straub
Secretary

MIFFLIN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

By: Wesley W. Hoover
Chairman

By: Robert L. Sandigo Sr.
Supervisor

By: Paul M. Reif
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