

TOWNSHIP OF OHIO
ORDINANCE NO. 112

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF OHIO, COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY AND COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA LIMITING AND RESTRICTING THE OPERATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES, TRAILERS OR SEMI-TRAILERS UPON CERTAIN TOWNSHIP ROADS IN THE TOWNSHIP OF OHIO WITH RESPECT TO WEIGHTS AND LOADS THEREOF; PROVIDING THAT SPECIAL HAULING PERMITS MAY BE ISSUED AUTHORIZING THE OPERATION OR MOVEMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES, TRAILERS OR SEMI-TRAILERS AND LOAD OF A WEIGHT EXCEEDING THE MAXIMUM LIMITATIONS HEREINAFTER SET FORTH UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS; SETTING FORTH THE COST OF SUCH SPECIAL HAULING PERMIT AND REQUIRING AN APPLICATION FOR THE SAME.

WHEREAS, it is the general policy of the Township of Ohio to authorize measures as may be necessary to insure economical and adequate maintenance of its highway system and to facilitate the unobstructed flow of vehicular traffic, giving priority to the safety and convenience of the general public and safeguard the highways and bridges of the Township from unreasonable loads,

and

WHEREAS, in order to adequately protect the highway system of the Township of Ohio and the safety of the traffic therein it is necessary to limit and restrict the weights and loads of motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Ohio recognizes that in some specific cases, conditions may be such that permission to operate motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers over the highway system of the Township of Ohio bearing weights and loads in excess of the maximum hereinafter set forth can be allowed without serious consequences to the highways and without the prejudicial effect upon the safety and convenience of the general public, and

WHEREAS, it is the intention of the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Ohio to grant special permits only to the extent that they may be warranted after careful consideration of each specific request.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Board of

Supervisors of the Township of Ohio, and it is hereby ordained and enacted by and with the authority of the same as follows:

SECTION I. That from and after the effective date of this Ordinance, it shall be unlawful to operate or cause to be operated a motor vehicle, trailer or semi-trailer having a gross weight, including chassis, body and load in excess of 20,000 lbs. over and upon any hard surface road under the jurisdiction of the Township of Ohio within the physical boundaries of the Township of Ohio except as hereinafter set forth.

SECTION II. That under certain conditions and circumstances the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Ohio, through the Chief of Police of the Township, may issue or may be caused to be issued a special hauling permit to enable motor vehicles having a gross weight in excess of 20,000 lbs. to be operated and upon hard surface roads under the jurisdiction of and within the physical boundaries of the Township of Ohio.

SECTION III. Any person, firm or corporation or other entity desiring to operate a motor vehicle over and upon any hard surface roads under the jurisdiction of and within the physical boundaries of the Township of Ohio must apply to the Chief of Police of Ohio Township (or his appointee in his absence) for a special hauling permit upon a form prepared by the Township and if any combined job weight is in excess of 100,000 lbs. (such as six loads at 20,000 lbs. each) the applicant must post a bond guaranteeing the Township that applicant shall and will, upon notice from the Township, repair or pay for any damage to any road damaged by the applicant as a result of the operation of a motor vehicle by applicant.

SECTION IV. Each application must be accompanied by a special hauling permit fee of Ten (\$10.00) Dollars.

SECTION V. The Chief of Police or his appointee, as the case may be, may, within his sole and absolute discretion, revoke

the special hauling permit at any time.

SECTION VI. No person, firm or corporation shall operate a tractor upon the highways of the Township in such a manner as to cause extra ordinary damage to the roadway when the roads are soft because of weather conditions.

SECTION VII. No person, firm or corporation shall drive or move any truck or other vehicle within the Township unless such vehicle is so constructed or loaded as to prevent any load, contents or litter from being blown or deposited upon any street or road in the Township.

SECTION VIII. No person, firm or corporation shall drive or move any truck or other vehicle within the Township, the wheels of which carry onto or deposit on any street or road in the Township, mud, dirt, sticky substances, litter or foreign matter of any kind.

SECTION IX. If, in the course of excavation, building or construction or development of any property, any mud or dirt or any other foreign substance is unavoidably carried onto any street or road in the Township, it shall be the duty of the property owner and/or contractor having supervision over the job, to remove the same at the end of each workday so as to make the street or road clean and safe for the passage of normal vehicular traffic.

SECTION X. Whoever violates any provisions of Section I, III, IV is guilty of summary offense and shall, upon conviction, be sentenced to pay a fine of not less than Fifty (\$50.00) Dollars nor more than One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars and any person exceeding the maximum allowable weight by more than 3,000 lbs. shall pay an additional fine of Seventy-five (\$75.00) Dollars for each 500 lbs. or part thereof in excess of 3,000 lbs. over the maximum allowable limit.

SECTION XI. Whoever violates any provision of Section VI is guilty of a summary offense and shall upon conviction be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than Three Hundred (\$300.00) Dollars.

SECTION XII. Whoever violates Sections VII and VIII and IX is guilty of a summary offense and shall, upon conviction, be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than Three Hundred (\$300.00) Dollars. Each day a violation is committed or is permitted to continue shall constitute a separate violation.

SECTION XIII. That the provisions of this Ordinance shall not apply to any fire equipment, refuse disposal equipment, snow plows, and road building equipment owned or operated on behalf of the Township of Ohio.

SECTION XIV. Ordinances 27 and 86 are hereby repealed in their entirety and any Ordinance or part of Ordinance conflicting with the terms and provisions of this Ordinance be and the same are hereby repealed to the extent of said conflict.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED into law by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Ohio on the 18th day of February, 1980.

TOWNSHIP OF OHIO

Walter J. Stewart

ATTEST:

Joseph J. Stewart
Secretary