



TOWN OF HOPKINTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE
RULES & REGULATIONS – HEAVY VEHICLE

ORDINANCE NO: 05-03

1.01 AUTHORITY:

Pursuant to the authority of NH RSA 47:11 and RSA 47:17 (VII), and any other applicable Revised Statutes Annotated, the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Hopkinton hereby ordain as follows:

1.02 ENFORCEMENT:

All permits, special weight limitations, signs, exceptions as they relate to Heavy Vehicles, falls under the jurisdiction, supervision and direction of the Hopkinton Police Department as authorized by the Board of Selectmen, who may issue a notice of violation of these rules and regulations.

1.03 PURPOSE:

Due to seasonal weakening of the road surface, obsolescence of bridges or pavements, or other impairment of a roadway, it is often necessary to limit the load permitted on a roadway, street or bridge.

1.04 WEIGHT LIMIT:

No person, partnership, firm, association or corporation shall drive, place or cause to be driven or placed upon any Town road, street or bridge a motor vehicle or trailer with a gross weight exceeding 6 tons (12000 pounds) during the period so designated by the Hopkinton Highway Superintendent.

1.05 POSTING:

A special weight limit sign shall be used to indicate any restrictions. This sign shall be located immediately in advance of the section or road, street or bridge to which it applies. In the case of an extended length of road or street it shall be placed on the right hand side of the restricted road or street approximately 25 feet from any intersected road or street on which the restriction does not apply so that it might be clearly visible from all vehicles turning onto the restricted road or street. A supplementary sign may be necessary on the left hand side of the road or street.

1.06 EXCEPTIONS:

Exempt from the provisions of this ordinance are all emergency motor vehicles and trailer and essential utility service motor vehicles and trailers. Emergency motor vehicles and trailers are defined as those providing police, fire, and road maintenance services. Essential utility motor vehicles are defined as those providing but not limited to essential telephone, electric or heating fuel services.

1.07 SPECIAL PERMITS:

Special permits issued by the NH Commissioner of Public Works and Highways are not valid on Hopkinton Town roads, streets or bridges. Any person wishing to move objects having a weight greater than permitted by this ordinance upon a Town road, street, or bridge, may apply to the Hopkinton Highway Superintendent or designee, for a permit to move said object or said vehicle and load upon a Town road, street, or bridge. The Highway Superintendent or designee may grant a permit for moving said object or vehicle upon a specified town road, street or bridge, at a specified time, if, in their opinion, it will not be detrimental to the preservation of the said road, street, or bridge, and the public use thereof, provided that the applicant, if required by the Highway Superintendent or designee, shall file a bond to cover any damage to the road, street, and provided that the applicant shall fulfill such other requirements as may be prescribed by the said Highway Superintendent or designee. The fee for a special permit shall be in the sum of \$10.00 per vehicle or per object moved.

1.08 PENALTY:

Any person, partnership, firm, association or corporation found in violation of this Ordinance shall be issued a civil forfeiture in the amount of \$250.00 for the first offense and for each successive offense a civil forfeiture of \$500.00. This will be paid to the Town of Hopkinton, NH at the Town Clerks Office within 15 days of issuance. Failure to comply with this procedure will result in a summons to the Concord District Court. Should the roadway, street, or bridge sustain damage as a result of the violator(s) act, such violator shall be liable for repair or restitution for costs incurred by the Town to repair any sustained damage.

Effective Date:

These rules and regulations shall become effective on the _____ day of _____, 2005.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned members of the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Hopkinton have hereunder set their hands this _____ day of _____, 2005.

Town of Hopkinton, NH
Board of Selectmen

Donald Lane, Chairman

Louise Carr, Selectman

Lloyd Holmes, Selectman

Clarke Kidder, Selectman

Peter Russell, Selectman

Date: _____

A true copy, attest:

Sue B. Strickford
Town Clerk