

**TOWN OF NEW HAMPTON
NEW HAMPSHIRE 03256**

ROAD WEIGHT LIMIT ORDINANCE

1. **WEIGHT LIMITS ESTABLISHED**

A. Pursuant to RSA 41:11 and RSA 231:191 the Board of Selectmen of the Town of New Hampton, upon recommendation of the Town Public Works Director that such postings are required to prevent unreasonable damage or extraordinary municipal maintenance expenses as a result of intensification of any activities involving heavy vehicles, hereby establish the following weight limits for the following town roadways:

10 TON WEIGHT LIMIT

Central Street Bridge

SEASONAL POSTED 10 TON WEIGHT LIMITS

**Akerman Lane
Amsden Road
Anchorage Road
Beech Hill Road
Birch Way
Blake Hill Road
Boynton Road
Brook Road
Campground Road
Carter Mountain Road
Chase Road
Church Lane
Clement Road
Cleveland Way
Colony Lane
Coolidge Woods Road
Cross Road
Dana Hill Road
Dixon Hill Road
Donkin Hill Road
Dr. Childs Road
Drake Road
Evergreen Drive
Fairway Drive
Fire House Lane**

**Forest Pond Road
Gordon Hill Road
Hatch Corner Road
Hillside Drive
Huckins Road
Huckleberry Road
Jackson Pond Road
Kelley Pond Road
Lake View Drive
Lambert Road
Little Hollow Road
Lower Oxbow Road
Magoon Road
Meeting House Lane
Mountain Pond Road
Moulton Road
Mountain Vista Drive
Mulberry Lane
Old Bristol Road
Outlet Road
Overlook Drive
Pine Meadow Road
Pinnacle Hill Road
Ridge Road
Riverwood Drive
Sanborn Road
Sand Hill Road
Shingle Camp Hill Road
Sinclair Hill Road
Sky Pond Road
Straits Road
Sumner Way
Sunnyside Drive
Town House Road
Upper Oxbow Road
Victor Huckins Road
Winona Heights Drive
Wolfe Den Drive**

- B. Any town road or bridge subject to a weight limit may be posted any time of the year that the Board of Selectmen and/or the Public Works Director deems necessary.
- C. The Selectmen reserve the right to temporarily add roads to those listed in paragraph 1.A., or amend the state weight limits without amendment to this ordinance, when it is deemed necessary to do so to prevent unreasonable damage or extraordinary municipal maintenance expense. Such temporary changes shall be effective for 30 days.

2. **NOTICES TO BE POSTED**

Maximum weight limits shall be posted, in the same manner as bridges are posted pursuant to RSA 234:39 and 266:18-c, at all entrances to the restricted highway or portion of such highway from other public highways. Such signage shall be legible, posted in a conspicuous location, and be of weather resistant materials.

3. **EXEMPTIONS**

A. The Board of Selectmen designate the Public Works Director/Road Agent with the authority to post the weight limit signs restricting the use of the posted roads and bridges in accordance with the weight posting restrictions and to exercise general supervision, control and direction on behalf of the Town on matters pertaining to the maintenance and posting of said highways.

The Board of Selectmen also authorize the Public Works Director/Road Agent to issue a "Permit to Operate over Posted Roads" for specific dates and times based on weather and road conditions that would allow the passage of heavy vehicles and equipment without causing unreasonable damage or extraordinary expense.

B. The Board of Selectmen reserve the right to grant "hardship" exemptions, in accordance with RSA 231:191 V, from the above weight limits for limited times and purposes upon written request. Any person seeking such an exemption shall apply to the Selectmen in writing and such permit may be issued if in the opinion of the Selectmen and upon recommendation of the Public Works Director the issuance of the exemption permit will not be detrimental to the preservation of the Town roads nor detrimental to public safety. In issuing such permit, the Selectmen may attach such conditions as they deem to be in the best interest of the public including but not limited to the establishment of bonding and restoration requirements.

C. The Board of Selectmen in accordance with RSA 231:191 VII, shall hold a hearing if requested by a commercial or industrial company operated or located in the town, which is restricted by the above road weight limits. The board shall hold the hearing within 15 days upon receipt of the request by certified letter.

D. In addition to the exemption provisions stated above, the Board of Selectmen may exempt some or all of the following categories of vehicles from the operation of this Ordinance: Town Highway Department vehicles, Fire Department vehicles, emergency vehicles while going to and from the scene of an emergency, oil or gas delivery vehicles, postal vehicles, and school buses.

4. **PENALTY**

Any person who violates any provision of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a violation, and the matter shall be disposed of in District Court. Notwithstanding the provisions of RSA 625:9, V, a person convicted in violation of this ordinance shall be fined \$100 or \$.02 for each pound in excess of the prescribed weight, whichever is the greater, for a first offense; \$250 or \$.02 per pound in excess of the prescribed weight, whichever is greater, for a second offense; for a third and subsequent offense of the same vehicle in violation of this section, \$250 or \$.02 per pound in excess of the prescribed weight, whichever is greater, up to an excess of 15,000 pounds; when the excess is more than 15,000 pounds and less than 30,000 pounds, \$.03 per pound; and when the excess is more than 30,000 pounds, \$.04 per pound. In any case such fines will not exceed \$1000. Further, such person shall also be liable for the cost of restoration of the highway to a condition satisfactory to the Board of Selectmen or its designee.

5. All fines and fees collected pursuant to this ordinance shall be paid to the Town of New Hampton.

6. **REPEAL**

All prior ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

This ordinance is hereby adopted by the Town of New Hampton and be effective beginning May 1, 2003.

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BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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