

ORDINANCE NO. 17643

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 19, ARTICLE I, DIVISION 2, SECTION 19-21, WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JOLIET CODE OF ORDINANCES (Amending ordinance 19-21 to enumerate weight restrictions on certain roadways)

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Joliet, Illinois (City) has the authority to adopt ordinances and to promulgate rules and regulations that pertain to its government and affairs and protect the public health, safety, and welfare of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council have seen fit to regulate the use of roadways within the City of Joliet; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council recognize that it is their obligation to provide regulations in order to ensure safe travel upon the roadways within the City; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council recognize that weight restrictions on certain roadways will aid in this objective; and

WHEREAS, the City of Joliet is a home rule unit of local government.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOLIET, ILLINOIS, PURSUANT TO ITS STATUTORY AND HOME RULE AUTHORITY, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: The Mayor and City Council hereby find that the recitals contained in the remainder of this Ordinance are true, correct and complete and are hereby incorporated into this Ordinance by reference.

SECTION 2: That Chapter 19, Article I, Division 2, Section 19-21 (a), Weight Restrictions, shall be amended to read as follows:

(a) The maximum weight permitted on all non-designated city roads shall be 12 tons except for the following:

20,000 pounds: Millsdale Road between the railroad crossing and Keith Allen Drive
 Black Road between Raynor Avenue and Essington Road
 Raynor Avenue between Jefferson Street and Theodore Street
 International Way between Route 53 and S. Bridge Road
 Midland Avenue between Jefferson Street and Clara Street
 Springfield Avenue between Glenwood Avenue and Black Road
 Ingalls Avenue between Broadway Street and Essington Road
 Bronk Road between Black Road and Caton Farm Road
 Theodore Street between Route 59 and Ridge Road
 Infantry Drive between Jefferson Street and Ingalls Avenue

Hammes Avenue between McDonough Street and Glenwood Avenue

Glenwood Avenue between Raynor Avenue and Essington Road

Western Avenue between Center Street and Reed Street

Hickory Street between Jefferson Street and Ingalls Avenue

Broadway Street between Marion Street and Ruby Street

Henderson Avenue between Cass Street and Jackson Street

Draper Avenue between Belle Avenue and Woodruff Road

Woodruff Road between Louise Ray Parkway and McKay Street

Eastern Avenue between Fifth Avenue and Washington Street

Rowell Avenue between Mills Road and Eunice Avenue (portions within the City of Joliet)

In addition to all other remedies, any person who violates, disobeys, omits, neglects or refuses to comply with any provision of this article shall be sentenced as provided in section 1-8 of this Code for each offense.

SECTION 3: In the event that any provision or provisions, or portion or portions of this ordinance shall be declared to be invalid or unenforceable by a Court of competent jurisdiction, such adjudication shall in no way affect or impair the validity or enforceability of any of the remaining provisions or portions of this ordinance that may be given effect without such invalid or unenforceable provision or provisions, portion or portions.

SECTION 4: All ordinances directly in conflict with the terms of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 5: This Ordinance shall be deemed severable and the invalidity of any portion hereof shall not invalidate the remainder.

SECTION 6: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

PASSED this 1st day of August, 2017



MAYOR



CITY CLERK

VOTING YES: Councilman Dickinson, Councilwoman Gavin, Councilmen Gerl, Hug, Morris, Mudron, Councilwoman Quillman and Councilman Turk.

VOTING NO: None.

NOT VOTING: Mayor O'Dekirk.

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DATE: July 26, 2017
TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: Marty Shanahan, Interim City Manager
SUBJECT: Ordinance amending Section 19-21, overweight vehicles, in the Code of Ordinances

BACKGROUND:

A growing concern of the Administration is the deterioration of local roadways which is exacerbated by a proliferation of overweight vehicles. The police department has identified local roadways which are not designated as state highways or truck routes, yet still see a fair amount of truck traffic. The current weight limit on non-designated city streets is 12 tons; this ordinance reduces that limit to 10 tons on the roadways which are listed.

There are existing exceptions for certain vehicles (emergency, school bus, etc.) as well as deliveries to locations on a designated roadway.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE ADMINISTRATION:

The Administration recommends the Mayor and the City Council approve the attached ordinance amending Section 19-24.

Respectfully submitted,

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