

**PEND OREILLE COUNTY
NEWPORT, WASHINGTON**

RESOLUTION NO. 2024- 053

RESTRICT TRUCK ACCESS ON POSTED COUNTY ROADS TO LESS THAN 26,000 LBS

WHEREAS, the Pend Oreille County Commissioners recognize the necessity of maintaining the integrity and safety of our local roads; and

WHEREAS, certain County Roads are experiencing an influx of heavy truck traffic, leading to degradation of road surfaces and compromising the safety of local residents and commuters; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative to implement measures to protect these roads from further damage caused by heavy trucks, while ensuring continued access for local traffic.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Pend Oreille County Commissioners hereby authorize the County Engineer to post signs to restrict vehicles to a maximum weight of 26,000 pounds or less;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this restriction shall be in effect immediately upon the passage of this resolution, the penalties for violations shall become effective immediately upon the posting of the signs required herein, and this restriction and the penalties for its violation shall remain in force until rescinded by the County Engineer.

EXCEPTIONS

1. The following vehicles are exempt from the weight limit established: school buses, emergency vehicles, trucks delivering perishable commodities or commodities necessary for the health and welfare of local residents, and vehicles traveling for local access purposes; provided such exempt vehicles are used for local transport.

PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS

1. **First Offense:** A warning shall be issued to the driver or operator of the overweight vehicle, notifying them of the violation and the applicable weight restriction on the specified roads.
2. **Second Offense:** A fine shall be imposed on the driver or operator of the overweight vehicle, with the amount set at \$500.00 for the second violation.
3. **Subsequent Offenses:** In the event of repeated violations by the same driver or operator a \$1,000.00 fine shall be imposed, and additional enforcement measures may be pursued, including but not limited to vehicle impoundment and suspension of driving privileges within Pend Oreille County.

ENFORCEMENT

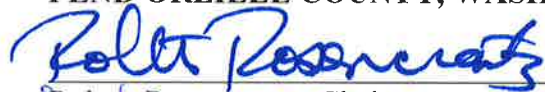
1. The Pend Oreille County Sheriff's Office, in collaboration with local law enforcement agencies, shall be responsible for enforcing this resolution and monitoring compliance with the weight restrictions.
2. Regular patrols and surveillance shall be conducted to deter overweight vehicles from using the restricted roads, and appropriate action shall be taken against violators in accordance with the penalties outlined in this resolution.
3. The Sheriff and any duly authorized deputy of Pend Oreille County that has probable cause to believe that a vehicle is violating this resolution is hereby authorized to stop any such vehicle to determine (a) its point of origin and destination, and (b) its curb vehicle weight per the registration.

POSTING

The Public Works Director or County Engineer shall post signs at each end of a designated road and at other appropriate locations to provide notification to operators on the roads.

ADOPTED this 26 day of March, 2024.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PEND OREILLE COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Robert Rosencrantz, Chair



John Gentle, Vice-Chair



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ATTEST:


Crystal Zieske, Clerk of the Board