

FRANKLIN COUNTY

RESOLUTION NO. 2006 594

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

IN THE MATTER OF RESTRICTING GROSS VEHICLE LOADS AND VEHICLE SPEEDS ON COUNTY ROADS

WHEREAS, normal winter weather conditions create unstable foundations for County roads, which result in road surface failures under normal vehicular operations, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of RCW 46.44.080 as amended, the Board of Franklin County Commissioners may prohibit or restrict the operations of motor trucks or other vehicles on County roads under certain conditions, whenever the roads will be damaged or destroyed, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Franklin County Commissioners deem it in the interest of the road program to delegate to the County Engineers, certain authorities concerning the regulation, restriction, or prohibition of motor trucks or other vehicles under such conditions;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED, that by the direction of authority, the County Engineer, when he deems it appropriate, shall prohibit or restrict as to weight and speed, the operation of vehicles upon County roads exposed to serious damage by reason of rain, snow, climatic or other condition, by posting said County roads with the **SEVERE EMERGENCY LOAD AND SPEED RESTRICTIONS**, listed hereinafter, as he deems appropriate, and

BE IT RESOLVED that those Franklin County roads posted with the **SEVERE EMERGENCY LOAD AND SPEED RESTRICTIONS**, be limited to those vehicles meeting said posted restrictions, **EXCEPT**:

1. School buses are hereby permitted to operate at normal loads, but are restricted to the speed limits applicable to the posted restrictions.
2. Authorized emergency vehicles, as defined in RCW 46.08.060, are hereby permitted to operate normally when on actual emergency runs.
3. Motor trucks transporting perishable commodities or commodities necessary for the health and welfare of local residents, when the load of such commodities cannot be broken down to provide a gross load meeting the posted restrictions, may operate on a trip by trip basis, provided a trip permit has been issued by the Franklin County Engineer. The County Engineer is hereby authorized to receive applications for single trip movements of such commodities, and further, to issue single trip permits with speed restrictions as deemed necessary to best protect the County roads.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be effective for a period of 150 days from date of adoption.

SEVERE EMERGENCY (RED) LOAD AND SPEED RESTRICTIONS

The gross weight of any vehicle may not exceed the load limits set forth below for the tires of the various sizes. The speed of any vehicle shall not exceed 35 miles per hour.

CONVENTION TIRES		TUBELESS OR SPECIAL TIRES	
<u>Tire Size</u>	<u>Gross Load Each Tire</u>	<u>Tire Size</u>	<u>Gross Load Each Tire</u>
7.00	1800 lbs.	8.22.5	1800 lbs.
7.50	1800 lbs.	9.22.5	1900 lbs.
8.25	1900 lbs.	10.22.5	2250 lbs.
9.00	2250 lbs.	11.22.5	2750 lbs.
10.00	2750 lbs.	11.24.5	2750 lbs.
11.00 & Over	3000 lbs.	12.22.5 & Over	3000 lbs.

High pressure tires shall have the same rating as set forth in the above table.

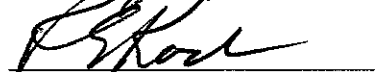
No allowance will be made for any second rear axles that is suspended from the frame of the regular driving axles and commonly known as a "Rigid Trail Axle".

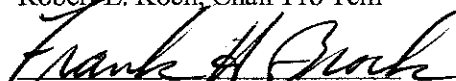
The load distribution on any one axle of any vehicle, shall be such that it will not load the tire on said axle in excess of the prescribed load set forth in this resolution.

ADOPTED this 6 day of December, 2006.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON**


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Attest:


Clerk of the Board