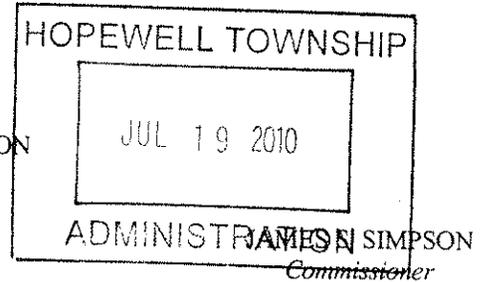




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June 25, 2010

Aaron Watson, Director
Department of Transportation and Infrastructure
Mercer County
McDade Administration Building
P.O. Box 8068
Trenton, NJ 08650-0068

Dear Mr. Watson:

We have received your letter requesting approval for Mercer County Ordinance 2010-2 which establishes Weight Restrictions for Commercial Motor Vehicles on Bear Tavern Road (CR 579) in Ewing and Hopewell Townships. The New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) shares your concern for the safe and efficient movement of traffic, and I welcome the opportunity to assist you.

The submitted ordinance can be approved only after we receive ordinances from Ewing Township and Hopewell Township establishing weight restrictions on their roadways that are needed to prevent entrapment. Additionally, NJDOT's Bureau of Traffic Engineering and Investigations (BTEI) requires a certified, raised-seal copy of Mercer County's Ordinance 2010-2. In order to expedite the approval process, a copy of this correspondence has been forwarded to the Mayors of Ewing and Hopewell Townships. Please submit the certified, raised-seal copy of Ordinance 2010-2 directly to Ms. Patricia Ott, Director of NJDOT's Bureau of Traffic Engineering and Safety.

I hope this information is helpful and thank you for taking the time to write. If you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact Ms. Ott at 609-530-2488.

Sincerely,

James S. Simpson
Commissioner

- c: Honorable Michael Markulec, Mayor, Hopewell Township (w/enclosure)
Honorable Jack Ball, Mayor, Ewing Township (w/enclosure)

COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY
ORDINANCE NO. 2010-2

1st Reading.. April 8, 2010
 2nd Reading.. April 22, 2010
 Public Hearing.. April 22, 2010

Date to County Executive.. April 23, 2010
 Date Returned.. April 26, 2010

Date Adopted:
 April 22, 2010
 May 12, 2010

Date Resubmitted to Board.....
 Approved as to Form and Legality

[Signature]
 County Counsel

Effective Date

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING COMMERCIAL
 MOTOR VEHICLES WITH A REGISTERED GROSS
 VEHICLE WEIGHT IN EXCESS OF 4 TONS ON
 BEAR TAVERN ROAD, COUNTY ROUTE 579,
 BETWEEN I-95 AND WASHINGTON CROSSING
 ROAD, COUNTY ROUTE 546, TOWNSHIP OF
 HOPEWELL, COUNTY OF MERCER

| RECORD OF VOTE | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| First Reading | | | | | | | Second Reading | | | | | | | |
| FREEHOLDER | Aye | Nay | N.V. | Abs | Res | Sec | FREEHOLDER | Aye | Nay | N.V. | Abs | Res | Sec | |
| Benson | X | | | | ✓ | | Benson | X | | | | | | |
| Carabelli | | | | X | | | Carabelli | | | | X | | | |
| Cimino | X | | | | | | Cimino | X | | | | | ✓ | |
| Colavita | | | | X | | | Colavita | X | | | | | | |
| Hamilton | X | | | | | | Hamilton | X | | | | | | |
| Walter | X | | | | | ✓ | Walter | X | | | | ✓ | | |
| Cannon | X | | | | | | Cannon | X | | | | | | |

X—Indicates Vote Abs.—Absent N.V.—Not Voting
 Res.—Resolution Moved Sec.—Resolution Seconded

Rejected By *[Signature]*
 Approved County Executive
 Reconsidered Override
 By Board Vote Aye Nay
[Signature] *[Signature]*
 Chair of the Board Clerk to the Board

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WHEREAS, in the best interest of the traveling public, motor vehicles with a registered gross vehicle weight in excess of 4 tons shall be restricted on Bear Tavern Road (County Route 579) between I-95 and Washington Crossing Road, Township of Hopewell, County of Mercer; and,

WHEREAS, vehicles in excess of 4 tons are currently prohibited on County Route 579 from County Route 546 to the Mercer - Hunterdon County Corporate Line; and,

WHEREAS, certain conditions on County Route 579 are not conducive for heavy truck traffic; and,

WHEREAS, alternative routes to County Route 579 are available and are more suitable for commercial vehicle through traffic; and,

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Transportation has recommended that a Commercial Motor Vehicle 4 ton Weight Limit be established on County Route 579 between I-95 and County Route 546; and,

WHEREAS, in order to prevent entrapment, the New Jersey Department of Transportation also requires other routes under county and municipal jurisdiction establish a Commercial Motor Vehicle 4 ton Weight Limits established; now, therefore,

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BE IT ORDAINED that, by the Mercer County Board of Chosen Freeholders, that:

1. Commercial Motor Vehicles with a Registered Gross Vehicle Weight in excess of 4 tons are prohibited on County Route 579 between I-95 and the Hunterdon – Mercer County Corporate line.
2. Commercial Motor Vehicles with a Registered Gross Vehicle Weight in excess of 4 tons are prohibited on County Route 637 (Jacobs Creek Road) between NJ Route 29 and County Route 579.
3. Commercial Motor Vehicles with a Registered Gross Vehicle Weight in excess of 4 tons are prohibited on County Route 647 (Nursery Road) between County Route 579 and County Route 611 (Scotch Road).
4. These restrictions shall not apply to Commercial Motor Vehicles making deliveries or providing service to local residents and businesses with no other means of legal access.
5. This Ordinance shall take effect upon approval by the New Jersey Department of Transportation.
6. Regulatory and warning signs shall be erected and maintained to effect the above designated restrictions in accordance with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the Clerk to the Board of Chosen Freeholders forward three (3) certified copies of said Ordinance to the Office of the County Engineer for submission to the New Jersey Department of Transportation and distribution upon approval and one (1) certified copy to the Director, Mercer County Department of Transportation and Infrastructure.