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February 15, 2012



Honorable James Simpson, Commissioner
 New Jersey Department of Transportation
 1035 Parkway Avenue
 Trenton, NJ 08650

Re: Request for Vehicle Weight Restrictions on Bear Tavern Road (County Route 579) between Route I-95 and Washington Crossing Road (CR 546) Robbinsville Township

Dear Commissioner Simpson:

Mercer County has been working with Ewing and Hopewell Townships to restrict truck traffic on Bear Tavern Road north of Interstate 95. Currently, commercial vehicles over 4 tons are prohibited on Bear Tavern Road north of Washington Crossing Road (CR 546). We, together with Hopewell and Ewing Townships, are requesting that this ban be extended southward from Washington Crossing Road to Interstate 95.

We initially met with former Commission Diltz, NJDOT staff and elected officials from Ewing and Hopewell Townships on September 11, 2009 to determine what information and actions would be necessary to implement a 4 ton weight limit on Bear Tavern Road. Since that time, we have provided documentation requested by your staff and have worked extensively with Ewing and Hopewell Townships to formally promulgate these restrictions. As requested at our most recent meeting with your staff on October 31, 2011, we are enclosing the following documents:

- Hopewell Township Ordinance Number 11-1537 eliminating Nursery Road, a county road, as a designated truck route;
- Mercer County Resolution Number 2012-57 concurring with Hopewell Township Ordinance Number 11-1537;
- Ewing Township Ordinance Number 11-26 restricting trucks from various municipal streets;

We please ask that your staff review this information and, if in order, approve and post the proposed restrictions. Mercer County would work with Hopewell and Ewing Townships to post the applicable signage on county and municipal routes.

Thank you and we appreciate your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Aaron T. Watson
Director, Department of
Transportation & Infrastructure

- c: Honorable Brian M. Hughes, County Executive
Honorable Michael Markulec, Mayor, Hopewell Township
Honorable Bert Steinmann, Mayor, Ewing Township
Hopewell Township Committee
Ewing Township Council
Gregory Sandusky, PE, PLS, County Engineer
George Fallat, PE, Traffic Engineer

**TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL
MERCER COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

ORDINANCE NO. 11-1537

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SCHEDULES
V AND VB OF CHAPTER VII "TRAFFIC" OF
THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL, NEW JERSEY (1978)"
AND ESTABLISHING TRUCK ROUTES FOR
SAID TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL**

Explanation: Material bracketed [] is to be deleted
Material underlined is to be added

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell desires to amend the Revised General Ordinance for the Township of Hopewell (1978) Chapter VII "Traffic"; Schedule V "Truck Routes"; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell adopted Ordinance #03-1290 on October 2, 2003 and said ordinance was sent to the New Jersey Department of Transportation for approval; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Transportation did not approve Ordinance #03-1290 and has since reviewed Ordinance #03-1290; and

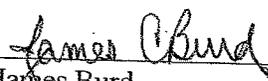
WHEREAS, the changes requested by the New Jersey Department of Transportation are included in this ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell, in the County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, that the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Hopewell (1978) are amended to read as follows:

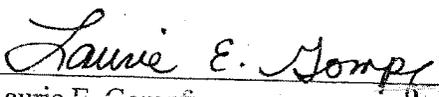
1. Section I of Chapter VII "Traffic"; Schedule V "Truck Routes" of the Revised General Ordinance for the Township of Hopewell (1978) is amended to delete:

Nursery Road from the Ewing Township line to Scotch Road.

Date Introduced: November 28, 2011
Date Advertised: December 1, 2011
Date Adopted: December 12, 2011

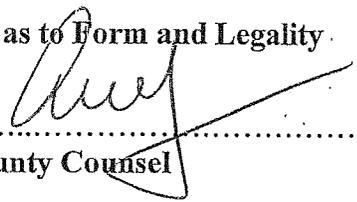

James Burd
Mayor

Attest:


Laurie E. Gompf
Municipal Clerk

Approved as to Form and Legality

Date



January 24, 2012

County Counsel

MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS CONCURS WITH HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE NO. 11-1537, DELETING NURSERY ROAD AS A TRUCK ROUTE

WHEREAS, County Route 647 (Nursery Road), between County Route 579 and County Route 611 (Scotch Road), is under the jurisdiction of Mercer County; and,

WHEREAS, Mercer County has adopted Ordinance No. 2010-2, prohibiting Commercial Motor Vehicles with a Registered Gross Vehicle Weight in excess of four (4) tons on County Route 647 (Nursery Road) between County Route 579 and County Route 611 (Scotch Road); and,

WHEREAS, the Township of Hopewell previously included Nursery Road as a designated Truck Route in Section I of Chapter VII "Traffic"; Schedule V "Truck Routes" of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Hopewell (1978); and,

WHEREAS, the Township of Hopewell has adopted Ordinance No. 11-1537, amending Section I of Chapter VII "Traffic"; Schedule V "Truck Routes" of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Hopewell (1978) to delete Nursery Road as a designated Truck Route; and,

Clerk to the Board

RECORD OF VOTE													
FREEHOLDER	Aye	Nay	N.V.	Abs.	Res.	Sec.	FREEHOLDER	Aye	Nay	N.V.	Abs.	Res.	Sec.
Cannon	X						Frisby	X					
Carabelli	X					✓	Koontz	X					
Cimino	X				✓		Walter	X					
Colavita	X												

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

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Transportation must review and approve prohibitions of Commercial Motor Vehicles on County roadways; and,

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Transportation would condition its approval for prohibiting Commercial Motor Vehicles with a Registered Gross Vehicle Weight in excess of four (4) tons on County Route 647 (Nursery Road) on Mercer County adopting a Resolution concurring with Hopewell Township Ordinance No. 11-1537; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mercer County Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Mercer, State of New Jersey hereby concurs with the Township of Hopewell Ordinance No. 11-1537, deleting Nursery Road as a designated Truck Route from Section I of Chapter VII "Traffic"; Schedule V "Truck Routes" of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Hopewell (1978); and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk to the Board shall forward three (3) certified copies of this Resolution to the Office of the County Engineer for submission to the New Jersey Department of Transportation and distribution upon approval, and a certified copy to the Director of the Mercer County Department of Transportation and Infrastructure.

I hereby certify this to be a true
copy of the original.

Gene N. Worthy
Mercer County Board of Freeholders

Clerk to the Board

**THE TOWNSHIP OF EWING
COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY**

ORDINANCE NO. 11-26

1st Reading 11-22-11

Date to Mayor 12-14-11

2nd Reading &
Public Hearing 12-13-11

Date Returned 12-14-11

Date Adopted:
12-13-11

Date Resubmitted to Council _____

Approved as to Form of Legality

Effective Date:
1-2-12

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EWING IN THE COUNTY OF MERCER, PROHIBITING COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLES WITH A REGISTERED GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT IN EXCESS OF 4 TONS ON CERTAIN ROADS IN THE TOWNSHIP OF EWING

First Reading

MEMBER	AYE	NAY	ABS	NV	RES	SEC
Murphy				✓		
Baxter				✓		
Hyser	✓					✓
Wollert	✓				✓	
Summiel	✓					

Second Reading

MEMBER	AYE	NAY	ABS	NV	RES	SEC
Murphy				✓		
Baxter	✓					✓
Hyser	✓					
Wollert	✓				✓	
Summiel	✓					

By [Signature] Date 12/14/11 Accepted Rejected _____
Mayor

Reconsidered
By Council _____ Override Vote YEA _____ NAY _____

[Signature]
President of the Council

[Signature]
Municipal Clerk

TOWNSHIP OF EWING

ORDINANCE NO. 11-26

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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 Bear Tavern Road are not conducive for heavy truck traffic; and,

WHEREAS, alternative routes to Bear Tavern Road are available and more suitable for commercial vehicle through traffic; and,

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Transportation has recommended that a Commercial Motor Vehicle 4 tons weight limit be established on Bear Tavern Road; and,

WHEREAS, in order to prevent entrapment, the New Jersey Department of Transportation also requires other routes under municipal jurisdiction to have a Commercial Motor Vehicle 4 tons weight limit established.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Ewing that **Chapter 225, VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, § 225-60. Schedule XIV: Trucks Over Four Tons** of the Code of the Township of Ewing is hereby amended as follows:

Section 1: **Chapter 225, VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, § 225-60. Schedule XIV: Trucks Over Four Tons** of the Code of the Township of Ewing is hereby amended to add the following streets:

§ 225-60. Schedule XIV: Trucks Over Four Tons

In accordance with the provisions of § 225-14B, trucks over four tons gross weight are excluded from the following described streets or parts of streets except for the pickup and delivery of materials.

Name of Street	Location
<u>Delaware Avenue</u>	<u>Between NJ Route 29 and Mountainview Road</u>
<u>Duffield Drive</u>	<u>Between NJ Route 29 and Pardee Drive</u>
<u>Scenic Drive</u>	<u>Between NJ Route 29 and Bear Tavern Road (County Road 579)</u>
<u>Mountainview Road</u>	<u>Between NJ Route 29 and Bear Tavern Road (County Road 579)</u>

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that 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.

Section 2. Regulatory and warning signs shall be erected and maintained to affect the above designated restrictions in accordance with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

Section 3. The Township Clerk shall forward a certified copy of this ordinance to the New Jersey Department of Transportation for approval.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall take effect upon approval of the Commissioner of Transportation as provided by law.

STATEMENT

This Ordinance amends the Revised General Municipal Ordinances of the Township of Ewing to prohibit commercial motor vehicles with a registered gross vehicle weight in excess of 4 tons on certain road in the Township.