

Gross Vehicle Weight Limits on Town Roads

Gross Vehicle Weight Limits on Class V & VI Town Roads:

Pursuant to RSA 231:191, the Stratford Selectboard hereby adopts the following ordinance regarding operation of vehicles on Town Roads.

:I Intent:

- a To preserve the integrity of the Town's Roads by regulating gross vehicle weights.
- b To provide to for financial penalties in the event of willful abuse of roadway integrity due to overweight vehicles.
 - a Willful abuse is defined as operating a vehicle that exceeds the posted gross vehicle weight at the time of the incident.

:II Controlling Factors:

- a The existing bridges on Bog Road, Christie Road, Percy (Egan) Road and Old Mill Road have rated capacities of 25 tons or 50,000 Lbs.
- b Significant road maintenance and repair costs are incurred and repair costs are incurred by the town, especially due to heavy vehicle traffic.

:III Class V Town Roads:

- a Unless otherwise posted, the maximum gross vehicle weight permitted shall be 25 tons, or 50,000 Lbs.
 - a Prior to operating a vehicle exceeding the posted weight limit, the operator shall obtain written permission from the Selectboard and post an adequate bond to cover damage to the roadway.
- b During mud seasons, the Selectboard may designate lower weight limits as deemed necessary. (RSA 231:191)
 - a Unless otherwise posted, the maximum gross vehicle weight permitted during these periods shall be 6 Tons, or 12,000 Lbs.
 - b If the movement of a heavier vehicle is anticipated, the operator shall consult with the Board of Selectmen or the Town Maintenance Supervisor to determine the ability of the roadway to withstand the heavier weight.

:IV Class VI Town Roads:

- a Unless otherwise posted, the maximum gross vehicle weight permissivity shall be 25 tons, or 50,000 Lbs.
- b Users of Class VI Town roads shall exercise due caution to avoid damage to the existing roadway and any structures a part thereto including, but not limited to, the road surface, culverts, bridges, or retaining walls.

- a Prior to operating a vehicle exceeding the posted weight limit, the operator shall obtain written permission from the Selectboard and post an adequate bond to cover damage to the roadway.

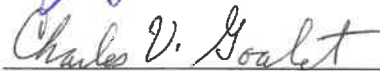
:V Exemptions:

- a Firefighting equipment (RSA 266:19-a)
- b Farm equipment (RSA 266:24)
- c School buses operated on regularly scheduled school bus routes

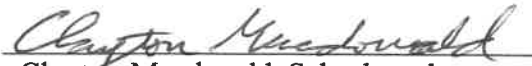
Adopted by said Town this 24th of April 2023



Harry Juergens, Chairman



Charles V. Goulet, Selectboard



Clayton Macdonald, Selectboard

Town of Stratford