

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, OHIO
RESOLUTION NO. 25-130**

THE JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES ESTABLISHES THE TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS FOR HEAVY VEHICLES ON RESIDENTIAL STREETS WITHIN JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP

The Board of Trustees of Jefferson Township, Montgomery County, Ohio, met in a regular meeting on October 15, 2025, at 12:00 pm at the Township Offices located at 1 Business Park Dr., Dayton, Ohio, with the following members present:

Oscar Young (✓) Sheila Back (✓) M. Michael McLaughlin (✓)

Moved by: Young (✓) Back () McLaughlin ()
Second by: Young () Back (✓) McLaughlin ()

WHEREAS, the Jefferson Township Board of Trustees finds that the operation of heavy commercial vehicles, semi-trucks, dump trucks, and similar large vehicles on residential streets contributes to accelerated roadway deterioration, increased maintenance costs, and heightened safety risks for residents and pedestrians; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Sections 4511.07 and 505.17, the Board of Trustees has the authority to regulate traffic, vehicle weight, and travel restrictions on Township roads within unincorporated areas to promote the health, safety, and welfare of the community; and

WHEREAS, the Township seeks to establish enforceable travel restrictions for heavy vehicles within residential neighborhoods, while providing exceptions for vehicles conducting legitimate business or public service activities; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Board to ensure consistent enforcement, clear public notice, and fair penalties that deter future violations and preserve the structural integrity of Township roadways.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, OHIO THAT:

Section 0 – Definitions

For the purposes of this Resolution:

- a) **“Residential Street”** means any public right-of-way located within an R-1, R-2, or R-3 Zoning District, or any street primarily serving residential dwellings as determined by the Township Road Superintendent.
- b) **“Restricted Vehicle”** means any commercial vehicle, semi-truck, dump truck, or similar vehicle with a gross vehicle weight exceeding 9,000 pounds, or any vehicle combination designed primarily for transporting heavy loads, construction materials, or equipment.
- c) **“Truck Route”** means any roadway designated for heavy vehicle travel as approved by the Township Administrator and identified on the official Truck Route Map.

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d) "Local Delivery" means the transportation of goods, materials, or services to or from a specific address located on a restricted street.

Section 1 – Restricted Vehicle Types

This Resolution applies to the following vehicle categories:

- Semi-trucks and tractor-trailers;
- Dump trucks;
- Heavy construction equipment or machinery on transport;
- Commercial vehicles weighing over 9,000 pounds gross vehicle weight; and
- Any other vehicle that, due to size, weight, or configuration, poses a risk to the structural integrity of residential streets or public safety.

Section 2 – Travel Restrictions

Except as otherwise provided in this Resolution, the operation or movement of restricted vehicles on residential streets within Jefferson Township is prohibited.

Restricted vehicles shall only travel on designated truck routes, arterial streets, or highways approved by the Township or Montgomery County Engineer.

Exemptions

The following are exempt from this restriction:

1. Vehicles making local deliveries or pickups to a residence or business located on a restricted street.
2. Vehicles performing public utility, construction, or governmental services (including waste collection, mail delivery, fire, and emergency services).
3. Vehicles traveling directly to or from the operator's residence within the Township when no reasonable alternate route exists.

All exempt vehicles must use the most direct route to and from their destination and comply with posted load limits and signage.

Section 3 – Signage and Notice Requirements

The Township Administrator and Road Superintendent shall ensure that all restricted streets and designated truck routes are posted with signage consistent with the Ohio Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (OMUTCD).

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Signage shall clearly indicate "NO THROUGH TRUCKS," vehicle weight limits, and applicable penalties.

The absence of signage shall not constitute a defense to prosecution if reasonable notice of restrictions is provided through Township publication, public posting, or the official website.

Section 4 – Enforcement and Penalties

Violations of this Resolution shall be subject to the following progressive penalties:

1. **First Offense:** Minor misdemeanor, fine of not less than one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) and up to two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) per occurrence.
2. **Second Offense:** Misdemeanor of the fourth degree (M-4), fine of not less than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) and up to five hundred dollars (\$500.00) per occurrence.
3. **Third or Subsequent Offense:** Misdemeanor of the third degree (M-3), fine of not less than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) and up to one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) per occurrence, and potential vehicle impoundment.

In addition to criminal penalties, Jefferson Township reserves the right to recover the full cost of roadway repair, enforcement, and signage replacement through civil action against the vehicle owner, operator, or employer.

Section 5 – Corporate and Employer Liability

Any company, contractor, or employer that directs, authorizes, or permits a driver to operate a restricted vehicle on a residential street in violation of this Resolution shall be held jointly and severally liable for all fines, penalties, and roadway repair costs.

Section 6 – Damage Presumption

Any damage to pavement, curbs, right-of-way, or drainage infrastructure occurring concurrently with the operation of a restricted vehicle on a residential street shall be presumed to have been caused by that vehicle, unless clear and convincing evidence demonstrates otherwise.

Section 7 – Public Safety Liaison and Enforcement Authority

Enforcement of this Resolution shall be coordinated through the **Public Safety Liaison Team**, consisting of:

- The Montgomery County Sheriff's Office
- The Jefferson Township Code Enforcement Officer
- The Jefferson Township Road Superintendent

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These entities are authorized to:

1. Issue citations and enforce the provisions of this Resolution;
2. Post and maintain official signage reflecting truck routes and restrictions;
3. Tow or impound vehicles in violation when necessary to protect public safety or prevent roadway damage;
4. Coordinate with the **Montgomery County Engineer's Office** to document roadway damage and identify priority repair areas; and
5. Refer repeat or egregious violations to the **Montgomery County Prosecutor's Office** for criminal prosecution and cost recovery.

Section 8 – Truck Route Map

The Township Administrator, in coordination with the Road Superintendent and Montgomery County Engineer, shall maintain a Truck Route Map identifying permitted travel corridors for heavy vehicles. This map shall be made publicly available and updated as needed.

Any residential street not identified on the official Truck Route Map shall be considered restricted for heavy vehicle travel.

Section 9 – Coordination with County Engineer and Prosecutor

The Township Administrator shall coordinate enforcement and load restrictions with the **Montgomery County Engineer** to ensure consistency between Township and County-maintained roads.

The **Montgomery County Prosecutor's Office** shall be notified of all cases involving repeated or willful violations for appropriate legal action.

Section 10 – Penalty Schedule Administration

The Township Administrator is authorized to maintain a **Heavy Vehicle Penalty Schedule** consistent with this Resolution.

Adjustments to fine ranges or classifications may be made by motion of the Board of Trustees without requiring amendment to this Resolution.

Section 11 – Severability

If any provision of this Resolution is found invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions, which shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 12 – Effective Date

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption and shall be enforceable within all unincorporated areas of Jefferson Township.

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The vote was as follows:

Oscar Young

McLaughlin

Yes

No Abstain

Sheila Back

Yes

No Abstain

M. Michael

Yes

No Abstain

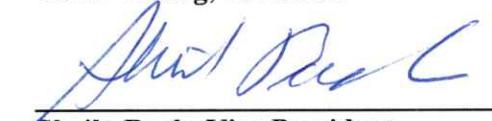
Adopted: 15th day of October 2025

Signed by:



Oscar Young, President

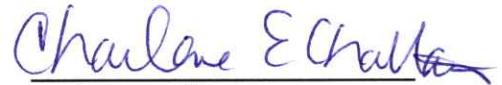
Signed by:



Sheila Back, Vice President



M. Michael McLaughlin, Trustee



Attest to Trustees Signatures:
Charlene Chattams, Fiscal Officer