

Town of Montrose
RESOLUTION 2010-07-09-02, URGING ADOPTION OF WEIGHT LIMIT REFORM

WHEREAS, Towns across Wisconsin face huge challenges in maintaining safe and efficient roads for agriculture, industry and residents because costs have increased sharply and road aids have not kept pace;

WHEREAS, operation of overweight vehicles on town roads causes a disproportionate amount of wear and damage to the roads;

WHEREAS, Wisconsin's road weight limitation laws are a complex set of rules which contain special exemptions granted by the Legislature in response to special interests;

WHEREAS, Wisconsin law forbids local governments from adopting local road rules which do not conform to state law;

WHEREAS, there is a need for a simplified set of weight limit rules under which local communities can designate corridors for heavy traffic, generate fees from traffic which must use local roads, and enforce these rules effectively.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Dane County Towns Association, that the Wisconsin Towns Association is hereby urged to seek adoption of legislation which authorizes towns to adopt ordinances which:

1. Designate routes for vehicles of specific weights or types;
2. Allow the Town to recover the cost of heavy vehicle use of town roads by charging permit fees for all heavy vehicle use, including local deliveries and pick-ups;
3. Allowing weight limits to be enforced on a simplified gross vehicle weight measure.
4. Allow towns and counties jointly to designate heavy traffic routes and weight limits.

This resolution was duly considered by the Town of Montrose Board pursuant to a vote ____ for and ____ against and ____ abstentions on this ____ day of _____, 2010.

Roger Hodel, Town Chair

Julie L. Bigler, Town Clerk
