

Town of Poland  
**RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING HEAVY LOADS OF TOWN WAYS**

**SUMMARY**

The following rules and regulations restrict heavy loads on posted town roads between February 15<sup>th</sup> and May 31<sup>st</sup> of the current year unless otherwise indicated, pursuant to Title 29A; MRSA 2395.

**DEFINITIONS**

The definition of words contained in Title 29A, section 101 of the Maine Revised Statutes Annotated shall govern the construction of words contained in this regulation unless otherwise indicated.

- A. **Gross Weight** is the combined weight of the vehicle and its load.
- B. **Special Mobile Equipment** shall mean every self-propelled vehicle not designed or used primarily for the transportation of persons or property and incidentally operated or moved over the highways, including road construction or maintenance machinery, ditch-digging apparatus, stone crushers, air compressors, power shovels, cranes, graders, rollers, well drillers and wood saw equipment used for hire. This enumeration shall be deemed partial and shall not operate to exclude other such vehicles, which are within the general terms of the section.
- C. **Team** shall be construed to include the draft animal or animals, manner of shoeing or hoof protection including metal shoes, spikes or cleats, caulks, and the manner of hauling or moving a load or object by dragging, rolling, sliding or by any form of vehicle, sled drag, scoot, wagon or cart. This enumeration shall be deemed partial and shall not operate to exclude other such vehicles, which are within the general terms of this section.

**DESIGNATED CLOSED WAYS**

- A. In order to prevent excessive damage to town maintained roads, the Selectmen may issue their order to the Road Commissioner at any regular or special meeting to post and close certain roads under their jurisdiction and control to travel or use by heavy vehicles, either all or in part, between the dates of February 15<sup>th</sup> and May 31<sup>st</sup> of each year.
- B. The Selectmen shall maintain a list of those roads to be automatically posted each year as part of this regulation between the dates of February 15<sup>th</sup> and May 31<sup>st</sup>. In addition, the Selectmen shall maintain a list of roads that may be posted, as conditions require.
- C. In order to prevent excessive damage to town maintained roads prior to the effective date of the regulation, or as the result of unforeseen conditions occurring before a regular or special meeting of the Board of Selectmen can be called, the Road Commissioner may post and close certain roads to travel or use by heavy traffic. Such posting by the Road Commissioner shall remain effective only until the next regular or special Selectmen's meeting, at which time the posting shall be reviewed by the Board of Selectmen.
- D. The Board of Selectmen may vote at any regular or special meeting to alter the effective dates of the regulation, as conditions require.

**WEIGHT LIMIT ESTABLISHED**

No vehicle registered for more than 23,000 pounds, nor any vehicle, combination of vehicles, team, or other means of conveyance or transport weighing more than 23,000 pounds, vehicle and load combined, nor any vehicle or team imparting to the road surface a pressure exceeding 400 pounds

per square inch of tire surface (manufacturer's rating) or area of surface contact or bearing point shall be permitted on posted town roads.

**NOTICE**

Notice shall be given by erecting at each end of the road to be posted including the following:

1. The date of posting.
2. Description of the highway closed or limited.
3. The duration of the posting.

**EXEMPTIONS**

A. Frozen highways. This regulation shall not apply to a closed highway, which is solidly frozen.

B. Exempt vehicles. The following vehicles are exempt from this regulation.

1. All vehicles owned and/or operated by the Town of Poland engaged in highway maintenance or are performing an emergency function.
2. Fuel trucks engaged in fuel deliveries to fuel users serviced by that road and that are not using the road only as a throughway to reach another road.
3. Bulk milk and feed transports picking up or delivering to or from facilities serviced by that road, and that are not using the road as a throughway to reach another destination.
4. School buses.
5. Rubbish packers engaged in servicing residences for the removal of household waste and rubbish only. This exemption is not to include waste from the demolition of buildings, land clearing or other waste generating activities.

**ROADS TO BE AUTOMATICALLY POSTED ANNUALLY**

Bailey Hill Road	Heath Road	Plains Road
Belanger Road	Herrick Valley Road	Pulsifer Road
Birchwood Lane	Hideaway Road	Range Hill Road
Bishop Road	Jackson Road	Range Road
Brown Road	Johnson Hill Road	Ricker Road
Carpenter Road	Jordan Shore Drive	Saunders Road
Cassie Lane	Lane Road	Schellinger Road (Route 26 to Cleve Tripp)
Cleve Tripp Road	Lewiston Junction Road	Shaker Woods & Shaker Outlet Rd
Cobb Road	Maple Lane (to Mc Falls town line)	Strout Road
Colbath Road	McCann Road	Tiger Hill Road
Dunn Road	No. 5 Road	Torrey Road
Everett Road	North Raymond Road	Tripp Lake Camp Road
Garland Swamp Rd	Old Plains Road	Tripp Lake Road (Rt. 11 to Trailer Park)
Hackett Mills Road	Old Tiger Hill Road	Verrill Road
Hardscrabble Road	Perkins Road	