

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SPOKANE COUNTY, WASHINGTON

IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING	)	
SECTION NO. 46.44.0801 OF	)	R E S O L U T I O N
THE SPOKANE COUNTY CODE RELATING	)	
TO LOAD AND SPEED RESTRICTIONS	)	
ON COUNTY ROADS	)	

WHEREAS, Section No. 46.44.0801 of the Spokane County Code (SCC) contains certain emergency weight and speed restrictions and County roads; and

WHEREAS, the Spokane County Engineer has recommended that such restrictions and SCC No. 46.44.0801 be revised to reflect changes in speed limits; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 46.44.080 and 36.32.120(7), the Board of County Commissioners of Spokane County is authorized to prohibit the operation of, or impose weight limits or other restrictions on motor trucks or other vehicles, whenever by reason of rain, snow, frost or other conditions it becomes necessary to do so to prevent serious damage or destruction to County roads.

WHEREAS, Section No. 46.44.0801 of the Spokane County Code (SCC) contains certain speed restrictions on County roads; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that Section No. 46.44.801 (1) d of the Spokane County Code be repealed, and that Section No. 46.44.0801 (1) d of the Spokane County Code be amended to read as follows:

**46.44.040 Maximum gross weight, axle factor**

(4) Exceptions – school buses, County maintenance vehicles, emergency vehicles, and motor trucks such as milk trucks, livestock feed trucks and fuel oil trucks transporting perishable commodities or commodities necessary for the health and safety of local residents may by special permit issued by the County Engineer in advance be authorized to operate over County roads.

**46.44.0801 Seasonal Road Restrictions**

(1) The following weight and speed restrictions shall apply to Spokane County roads when posted with notice of such restrictions when determined by the County Engineer that such restrictions are necessary to prevent damage to the roadway.

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The conversion factor for metric tread widths to inches of tread shall be metric times 0.04 equals inches.

- b. Front Axle Allowance - an allowance of ten percent (10%) above the allowable weight as indicated on the table will be given for front axles only provided all other requirements are met.
- c. Other Allowances - no allowance from the above load limits shall be given for any second rear axle suspended from the frame of the vehicle independent of the regular driving axle, commonly known as a “rigid trail” axle. The load distribution on any one axle of a vehicle shall be such that it will not load the tires on said axle in excess of the load limits specified.
- d. Speed Limits – speed limits shall be as legally established. Should conditions warrant and at the discretion of the County Engineer some County roads subject to a seasonal road restriction may be posted 30 miles per hour, unless a lower speed limit has been legally established, in which case the lower speed limit shall govern.

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**(2) Emergency Restrictions**

The following weight restrictions and speed restrictions shall apply to Spokane County roads when posted with notice of such “Emergency Restrictions” when determined by the County Engineer that such restrictions are necessary to prevent damage or destruction of the roadway:

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(4) Emergency closure - during the period of January 1 through December 31 of any calendar year, when posted with notice of such closure, Spokane County roads shall be closed to all vehicles, upon determination by the County Engineer or his designee that by reason of rain, snow, climatic or other conditions, such restriction is necessary to prevent serious damage or destruction to the road. Exceptions to such closure may be authorized by the County Engineer by special permit only.

(5) Signs - the County Engineer shall erect and maintain signs designating the provisions of this resolution in each end of the County roadway affected by any of the above restrictions. Further information regarding the above restrictions may be obtained from the Spokane County Division of Engineering.

BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED that the above amendments shall take effect January 1, 2001.

ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of Spokane County, Washington this 1st day of February, 2005.

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PHILLIP D. HARRIS, CHAIR

ATTEST: VICKY M. DALTON  
CLERK OF THE BOARD

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TODD MIELKE, VICE-CHAIR

BY \_\_\_\_\_  
DANIELA ERICKSON, DEPUTY

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MARK RICHARD, COMMISSIONER

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of County Commissioners of Spokane County, Washington will on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2005, at 5:00 P.M. o'clock, at the Spokane County Public Works Building, hold a public hearing on the advisability of passing and adopting the following Resolution:

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BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED that the above amendments shall take effect immediately.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that said hearing will be held in the Commissioners Hearing Room at the Spokane County Public Works Building, 1026 W. Broadway Avenue, Spokane, Washington, and that all interested persons are hereby notified to be then and there present to appear and speak either for or against the foregoing Resolution.

APPROVED BY THE BOARD on this 11th day of January, 2005.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF SPOKANE COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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PHILLIP D. HARRIS, CHAIR

ATTEST: VICKY M. DALTON  
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