

CHAPTER FOURTEEN

***RULES AND REGULATIONS RESTRICTING
HEAVY LOADS ON CLOSED TOWNWAYS***

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TOWN OF BRADLEY

RULES AND REGULATIONS RESTRICTING HEAVY LOADS ON CLOSED TOWNWAYS

Pursuant to Title 29, Maine Revised Statutes Annotated Section 902; We, the Municipal Officers of the Town of Bradley, Maine, do hereby adopt the following Rules and Regulations Restricting Heavy Loads on closed Townways.

SECTION I INTENT

It is the purpose and intent of these Rules and Regulations to insure proper use and prevent abuse of all Townways in the Town of Bradley, by motor driven vehicles during such seasons of the year as said Townways require special attention.

SECTION II DEFINITIONS

A) Heavy Load - Any vehicle or combinations of vehicles having a total gross weight greater than 15,000 pounds, unless otherwise exempted by these rules and regulations.

B) Motor Driven Equipment - Shall mean all vehicles or combinations of vehicles powered by an engine. This definition shall include vehicles being carried in tow, and not actually in operation.

C) Municipal Officers - Shall mean the Town Council of the Town of Bradley.

D) Road Commissioner - Shall mean the individual appointed by the Bradley Town Council to serve as Bradley Road Commissioner.

E) Townway - Shall mean all Town roads as laid out and accepted by the inhabitants of the Town of Bradley. This definition shall include those town roads that are closed for winter maintenance.

SECTION III ROAD COMMISSIONER DUTIES

The Bradley Road Commissioner, with the consent of the Bradley Town Council, shall have the authority to close any townways to heavy loads during certain seasons of the year when the townways require special protection.

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Townways closed under this section will remain closed until a determination is made by the Road Commissioner, with the consent of the Bradley Town Council, to open them.

SECTION IV EXEMPTIONS

The following vehicles shall be exempt from the limitation of Heavy Loads:

A) Any vehicle or combinations of vehicles registered for a gross weight of 15,000 pounds or less.

B) Any vehicle or combinations of vehicles registered for a gross weight in excess of 15,000 pounds and traveling without a load other than tools or equipment necessary for the proper operations of the vehicle.

C) Any vehicles engaged in highway maintenance or rubbish removal under the direction of the Bradley Town Council, the Penobscot County Commissioner, the Maine Department of Transportation, or the Municipal Officers of any other municipality.

D) Any vehicle engaged in emergency or rescue operations.

E) Any two axle home heating fuel delivery truck registered in excess of 15,000 pounds which has an exemption certificate issued by the Maine Department of Transportation. Exempt trucks shall not carry loads exceeding 15,000 pounds gross weight.

F) Any vehicle engaged in the transportation of bulk milk or bulk feed which is registered in excess of 15,000 pounds with an exemption certificate issued by the Maine Department of Transportation carrying a partial load with a weight equal to or less than indicated in the exemption certificate, by delivery slips or bills of lading accompanying the vehicle.

SECTION V NOTICE

A) Posting - The Road Commissioner shall post conspicuous, printed notices at each end of the townway to be closed to Heavy Loads.

