

Resolution to Adopt the Saranac Lake Truck Route Law

Whereas, the Village of Saranac Lake Board of Trustees recognizes that the operation of vehicles in excess of twenty thousand pounds tons on village highways is unsafe and unhealthy in congested areas of the village and in residential neighborhoods, and causes damage to the pavement and underlying base of village highways which must be repaired at the expense of village taxpayers; and

Whereas, limiting the operation of such vehicles to state highways within the village will alleviate unsafe and unhealthy conditions in congested areas and neighborhoods on village highways and damage to the pavement and underlying base of village highways; and

Whereas, New York's Vehicle and Traffic Law Section 1660 authorizes municipalities, by local law, to establish a truck route in their municipalities for such vehicles; and

Whereas, the Village of Saranac Lake has advised the New York State Department of Transportation of its intent to enact this local law and has requested that agency to assess the need for and to implement additional traffic and pedestrian safety measures on state highways in the village, including but not limited to Church Street and Church Street Extension.

Whereas, a public hearing was held on the Saranac Lake Truck Route Law was held on September 8, 2014

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that:

The Village of Saranac Lake Board of Trustees hereby adopts the attached Village of Saranac Lake Truck Route Law; and

The Village Manager is directed to have signage installed establishing the truck route and prohibiting non-complying vehicles from village roads except as specified in the Village of Saranac Lake Truck Route Law; and

The Village Manager is directed to continue to communicate with New York State Transportation officials to ensure that, as necessary and appropriate for the safety of our community, additional traffic and pedestrian safety measures are undertaken on state highways in the village, and

The Village Chief of Police is requested to have his department enforce this new law in a fair and consistent manner, and to ensure that truck traffic on state highways in the village, including Church Street and Church Street Extension, is lawful and respects the needs for pedestrian and vehicle safety.

Village of Saranac Lake

Local Law No. XXX of the year 2014

This local law will be known as the Village of Saranac Lake
Truck Route Law

Be it enacted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Saranac Lake as follows:

1. Statutory authority.

This section is adopted pursuant to the provisions of section 1660 of the Vehicle and Traffic Law of the State of New York.

2. Statement of legislative intent.

The operation of vehicles in excess of twenty thousand pounds on village highways is unsafe and unhealthy in congested areas of the village and in residential neighborhoods, and causes damage to the pavement and underlying base of village highways which must be repaired at the expense of village taxpayers.

3. Definitions.

As used in this this article, the following words and terms shall have the meaning ascribed to them.

- a. "Gross combination weight rating" (GCWR) is the maximum allowable combined mass of a towing road vehicle, passengers and cargo in the tow vehicle, plus the mass of the trailer and cargo in the trailer. This rating is set by the vehicle manufacturer.
- b. "Gross vehicle weight rating" (GVWR) is the maximum operating weight/mass of a vehicle as specified by the manufacture including the vehicle's chassis, body, engine, engine fluids, fuel, accessories, driver, passengers and cargo but excluding that of any trailers
- c. "Highway" shall mean the entire width between the boundary lines of every way publicly maintained when any part thereof is open to the use of the public for purposes of vehicular travel.
- d. "Semitrailer" shall mean any trailer which is so designed that when operated the forward end of its body or chassis rests upon the body or chassis of the towing vehicle.
- e. "State highways" are those highways designated by section 341 of the New York Highway Law including those portions of New York State Routes 3 and 86 within the village.
- f. "Tractor" shall mean a vehicle designed and used as the power unit in combination with a semitrailer or trailer, or two such trailers in tandem.

- g. "Trailer" shall mean any vehicle not propelled by its own power drawn on the public highways by a motor vehicle
- h. "Truck" shall mean every vehicle designed, used, or maintained primarily for the transportation of property.
- i. "Vehicle" shall mean every device in, upon, or by which any person or property is or may be transported or drawn upon a highway, except devices moved by human power.
- j. "Village" shall mean the Village of Saranac Lake.

4. Restriction.

All vehicles, including trucks, tractors and tractor-trailer combinations having a GCWR or GVWR in excess of twenty thousand pounds are hereby restricted to operation on state highways within the village.

5. Exemption from restriction.

The restriction set forth in section 4 of this article shall not apply to:

- a. Vehicles, including trucks, tractors and tractor-trailer combinations operating within the village for purposes of delivery or pickup of merchandise or other property; or
- b. Governmental and public utility vehicles or any vehicles used for the purpose of public conveyance within the village.

6. Enforcement.

Any person, firm or corporation who or which violates the provisions of this article shall be subject to a fine of not less than \$100 for the first offense and not more than \$500 for each subsequent offense.

7 Severability.

If any section, subdivision, paragraph, subparagraph, clause, sentence, or part of this local law shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the section, subdivision, paragraph, subparagraph, clause, sentence, or part thereof directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall have been rendered.

8. Effective date.

This local law shall take effect immediately upon its filing in the office of the Secretary of State in accordance with Section 27 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.