



## **CITY COUNCIL ACTION**

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Council Meeting Date: March 25, 2024

Item No: 24-109

Responsible Dept: Public Works

Action Requested: Ordinance

Map/Lot: N/A

### **Title, Ordinance**

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Amending Chapter 291, Vehicles And Traffic, to Update Vehicle Weight Limits to Coordinate with Maine DOT Weight Limits

### **Summary**

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This Ordinance will amend City Code Chapter 291, Vehicles and Traffic, Sections 29 and 30, to increase the current weight limit of 3 1/2 tons to 23,000 lbs on certain streets in Bangor.

The Maine Department of Transportation is responsible for maintenance of roads across the State of Maine. Their statewide weight limit for all roads during the winter months, generally November through May, is 23,000 lbs. Setting the City of Bangor weight limit at 23,000 lbs allows businesses to manage their supply chain with more consistency, as weight limits don't change at the town line.

This change will place no additional risk on City streets as we have been inadvertently advertising and enforcing a 23,000 lb weight limit for decades.

### **Committee Action**

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Committee: Infrastructure

Meeting Date: March 18, 2024

Action: Recommend passage

For:

Against:

### **Staff Comments & Approvals**

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City Manager

City Solicitor

Finance Director

**Introduced for:** First Reading



## CITY COUNCIL ORDINANCE

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Date: March 25, 2024

Assigned to Councilor: Fournier

**ORDINANCE**, Amending Chapter 291, Vehicles and Traffic, to update vehicle weight limits to coordinate with Maine DOT weight limits.

**WHEREAS**, at present, weight load limits on certain City of Bangor Streets is 3 a/2 tons, during winter months;

**WHEREAS**, in order to provide for consistent load limits across the State of Maine, allowing for facilitation of efficient supply chain logistics;

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BANGOR AS FOLLOWS, THAT**

Chapter 291 of the Code of the City of Bangor is amended as follows:

**§ 291-29 Weight limit on certain streets.**

During the period between November 1 and May 15, except when otherwise determined to be necessary by the City Engineer, no vehicle the gross weight of which (vehicle and load combined) exceeds ~~3-1/2 tons~~ 23,000 lbs shall pass over the portions of highways within the City of Bangor designated below or any City street designated by the City Engineer, except when the surface of the road is solidly frozen.

<b>Name of Street</b>	<b>Location</b>
Burleigh Road	From Bomarc Road to Essex Street
Church Road	From Pushaw Road to Essex Street
Davis Road	From Union Street to Finson Road
Essex Street	From Lancaster Avenue to north City line
Finson Road	From Ohio Street to Broadway
Kenduskeag Avenue	From Griffin Road to Broadway
Mount Hope Avenue	From Howard Street to State Street
Ohio Street	From Griffin Road to north City line

**§ 291-30 No through trucks on certain streets.**

On those streets and portions specified below, no through trucks in excess of ~~3-1/2 tons~~ 23,000 lbs gross weight shall be allowed to pass at any one time of the day or night. (This provision shall not apply to school buses or buses providing public transportation services on a regular schedule.) There shall be a sign posted at each end at the streets so designated showing that through truck traffic is not allowed.

<b>Name of Street</b>	<b>Location</b>
Bolling Drive	From Ohio Street to Griffin Road
Boutelle Road	From Hammond Street to Webster Avenue
Buck Street	From Webster Avenue to Main Street
Church Road	From Pushaw Road to Essex Street
Davis Road	From Finson Road to Union Street
Earl Street	From Broadway to Warwick Street
Eddyway Street	From Union Street to Hannibal Street
Eighteenth Street	From Union Street to Ohio Street
Essex Street	From City Line to Stillwater Avenue
Fern Street	From State Street to Garland Street
Finson Road	From Ohio Street to Broadway
Francis Street	From Fourteenth Street to Manners Avenue
Fruit Street	From State Street to Mt. Hope Avenue
Garland Street	From Broadway to Center Street
Hannibal Street	From Fourteenth Street to Fifteenth Street
Howard Street	From State Street to Stillwater Avenue
Kenduskeag Avenue	From Griffin Road to Broadway
Maple Street	From Garland Street to Mt. Hope Avenue
North Street	From East Street to West Street
Norway Road	From Hammond Street to Webster Avenue
Palm Street	From Stillwater Avenue to Mt. Hope Avenue
Pearl Street	From State Street to Mt. Hope Avenue
Perkins Street	From Hammond Street to Fourteenth Street
Royal Road	From Hammond Street to Webster Avenue
Seventeenth Street	From Union Street to Ohio Street
Sherman Avenue	From Kenduskeag Avenue to Falvey Street
South Park Street	From Center Street to Broadway
Thatcher Street	From Main Street to Farm Road
West Street	From Webster Avenue to Hammond Street
Westland Street	From Union Street to Ohio Street

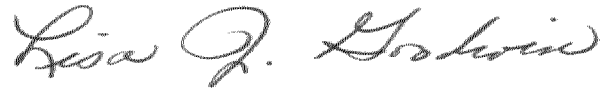
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**IN CITY COUNCIL**

**MARCH 25, 2024**

**COrd 24-109**

**First Reading**



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**CITY CLERK**

**IN CITY COUNCIL**

**APRIL 8, 2024**

**COrd 24-109**

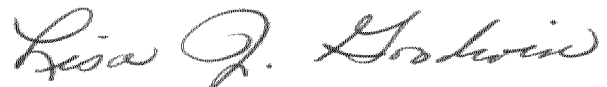
**Motion made and seconded for Passage**

**Vote: 6 – 0**

**Councilors Voting Yes: Deane, Fish, Leonard, Tremble, Yacoubagha, Tremble**

**Councilors Voting No: None**

**Passed**



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**CITY CLERK**