## **ORDINANCE**

## Town of Winchester Ordinance No. 2022-03

## AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING PORTIONS OF TOWN ROADS AS HEAVY TRAFFIC ROUTES

<u>Purpose and Intent</u>. The purpose of this ordinance is to protect Town roadways from potential damage from heavy traffic as that term is defined in Section 349.17(2) of the Wisconsin Statutes. This ordinance, establishing heavy truck routes within the Town of Winchester, Winnebago County, is authorized pursuant to Section 349.17(1) of the Wisconsin Statutes, and is appropriate within the police power of the Town to preserve Town property and protect Town residents.

The Town of Winchester Board of Supervisors hereby ordain as follows:

1. Establishment of Heavy Traffic Routes. No person shall operate a vehicle, which is defined as "heavy traffic" in Section 349.17(2) of the Wisconsin Statutes, on any Town road within the Town of Winchester, Winnebago County, ("Town") except the following, which are designated as heavy traffic routes, and except as otherwise provided in this ordinance:

Truck access to the Wieckert Sand/Gravel Pit, located at 9510 Manu Road, Fremont and the Howard Sand Pit located at 9420 Manu Road, Larsen shall be taken from the intersection of USH 45 and Manu Road traveling southbound on Manu Road to the Pits as identified above. Trucks exiting either Pit as identified above, shall travel the same reverse route back to USH 45.

## 2. Regulations for Heavy Traffic.

- (a) All heavy traffic having a combined weight of vehicle and load in excess of 15,000 pounds or registered in excess of 15,000 pounds shall, operate only on heavy traffic routes under this ordinance, or on county or state highways, subject to the provisions of Section 3 below.
- (b) The Town road supervisor may reduce the load on any Town road on heavy traffic routes when the construction of the road, or the condition thereof, warrants such action.
- 3. Vehicles Exempt. This ordinance does not apply to vehicles owned by federal or state governments, or political subdivision thereof, when actually engaged in governmental functions. The restrictions contained in this ordinance shall not prohibit heavy traffic from using a Town road for the purposes of obtaining orders for supplies or moving or delivering supplies or commodities to or from any place of business or residence fronting on such Town road. When it is necessary for the operator of such a vehicle to travel upon a Town

road not designated for heavy traffic in Section 1 above, such operator shall leave and reenter such heavy traffic routes at the point closest to his immediate destination.

- **Enforcement.** Violations of this ordinance are punishable by forfeitures of not less than \$100.00, and not more than \$500.00, per violation, plus costs and attorney fees. Each day a violation exists constitutes a separate offense. The Town may also seek equitable and/or injunctive relief in the event of a violation.
- **5. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall be effective upon passage and publication/posting as provided by law.

Adopted this 21 ST day of March, 2022.

By: /////

Matt Olson, Chairman

Andy Miller, Supervisor I

Ben Joas, Supervisor II

Aye: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Nay:

Attest:

Holly Stevens, Clerk