

HAMBURG TOWNSHIP

RESOLUTION OPPOSING TRUCK SIZE AND WEIGHT INCREASES

At a regular meeting of the Township Board of Trustees, held at the Hamburg Township Hall located at 10405 Merrill Road, Hamburg Township, Livingston County, Michigan, on February 18, 2025 beginning at 7:00 p.m., there were:

PRESENT:

ABSENT:

The following preamble and resolution was moved by _____, and supported by _____ to adopt the following resolution.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Hamburg Township Board of Trustees are concerned with the welfare of motorists and the cost, quality and reliability of our infrastructure; as well as the development of our economy; and

WHEREAS, Hamburg Township contains numerous county roads and township roads that see significant levels of commercial vehicle; and

WHEREAS, there were 5,744 crashes involving large trucks in Michigan in 2022; and

WHEREAS, federal legislation allowing heavier or longer semi-trucks would threaten the safety of the traveling public because the larger vehicles would be more difficult to control, would have increased rates of wear and tear on key safety systems such as brakes, steering and tires, and would have increased crash severity; and

WHEREAS, Michigan has **1,281 bridges** that are rated as in poor condition according to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA); and

WHEREAS, government highway cost allocation studies show that increases in truck size or weight leads to significant underpayment and increases the subsidization of their operation by municipalities and counties, amounting to an unfunded mandate; and

WHEREAS, the 2016 U.S. Department of Transportation Comprehensive Truck Size and Weight Limits Study recommended against any increases in size or weight limitations, finding significant safety and infrastructure concerns with the configurations studied; and

WHEREAS, according to MDOT, only 6% of trucks operate over 80,000 pounds in the state, meaning that despite higher weight limits, changes to the national standard or the weight in neighboring states would result in heavier trucks on our roads.

WHEREAS, the water table is as little as 18 inches below the roadway in Hamburg Township, which creates difficulties during construction and maintenance. These roads would be uniquely susceptible to increased weights, reducing lifespans and increasing the costs for our taxpayers.

WHEREAS, the township has dedicated resources to the monitoring and enforcement of truck weights travelling through our township including the Hamburg Township Public Safety Department maintaining an officer federally-certified in commercial motor vehicle enforcement and maintaining scales for the weighing of trucks at the Township's police station.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hamburg Township Board of Trustees opposes any legislation for increases in truck size or weight by the federal government.

A roll call vote on the foregoing resolution was taken and was as follows:

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

Resolution Declared Adopted.

CERTIFICATION

I, Michael Dolan, being the duly elected Clerk of the Township of Hamburg, Livingston County, Michigan hereby certify that (1) the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the Resolution duly adopted by the Township Board on February 18, 2025; (2) the original of such resolution is on file in the records of the Clerk's office; (3) the meeting was conducted, and public notice thereof was given, pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act (Act No. 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, as amended); and (4) minutes of such meeting were kept and have been (or will be) made available as required by the Open Meetings Act.

DATE:

Michael Dolan, Hamburg Township Clerk