

**SYNOPSIS: CREATE TITLE 12-6 WEIGHT LIMITS FOR IMPLEMENTS OF HUSBANDRY  
SUBMITTED BY: HIGHWAY COMMITTEE**

The Columbia County Board of Supervisors do ordain as follows:

That Title 12-6 of the County Code is hereby created as follows:

Title 12 Highways

Chapter 6 Weight Limits for Implements of Husbandry

Sec. 6-1-1 Purpose

(a) Section 348.15(9)(f)1., Wis. Stats., provides that there is no weight limitation per wheel, axle, or group of axles for Category B implements of husbandry as defined in Section 340.01(24)(a)1.b., Wis. Stats., but does apply gross vehicle weight limitations to those vehicles. Section 348.15(9)(f)2.a., Wis. Stats., authorizes the governing body of a county to require compliance with axle weight limitations established under Section 348.15(3)(g), Wis. Stats., for Category B implements of husbandry as defined in Section 340.01(24)(a)1.b., Wis. Stats., on any highways under its jurisdiction. The Highway Committee of the Columbia County Board of Supervisors, after due consideration, determined that regulating the weight of implements of husbandry on a per axle basis is appropriate for maintenance purposes of all highways under the jurisdiction of Columbia County.

Sec. 6-1-2 Weight Limits for Implements of Husbandry

(a) Pursuant to Section 348.15(9)(f), Wis. Stats., all implements of husbandry (including Category B implements of husbandry) defined in Section 340.01(24)(a)1.b., Wis. Stats., operating on highways under the jurisdiction of Columbia County may not exceed the weight limits imposed by Section 348.15(3)(g), Wis. Stats.

Sec. 6-1-3 Permit to Exceed Length and/or Weight Limitations

(a) To exceed the length and/or weight limitations on highways under the jurisdiction of Columbia County, a no-fee permit may be applied for from the Columbia County Highway and Transportation Department.

Sec. 6-1-4 Alternate Route Provided in the Event of Permit Denial

(a) Pursuant to Section 348.27(19)(b)4m.a., Wis. Stats., in the event an application for a no-fee permit is made to Columbia County for a Category B implement of husbandry as defined in Section 340.01(24)(a)1.b., Wis. Stats., Columbia County is required to provide an approved alternate route, which may include highways that are not under the jurisdiction of Columbia County if prior approval has been given by the jurisdiction over the alternate routes not under jurisdiction of Columbia County for operation of Category B implements of husbandry as defined in Section 340.01(24)(a)1.b., Wis. Stats.

Sec. 6-1-5 Effective Date

(a) This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon enactment and publication as required by law, but no earlier than January 1, 2015.

Sec. 6-1-6 Amendment, Repeal and Expiration

(a) This Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect permanently until either duly amended or repealed by the Columbia County Board of Supervisors or until January 1, 2020, as mandated by Section 348.15(9)(g), Wis. Stats.

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Sec. 6-1-7 Prior Inconsistent Ordinances Repealed

(a) All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with or in contradiction of the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

All other provisions of Title 12 Highways are unchanged and remain in full force and effect.

Fiscal Note: None

Fiscal Impact: None

DATE PASSED: December 17, 2014

DATE PUBLISHED: December 22, 2014



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Vern E. Gove, Chair  
COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



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Susan M. Moll  
COLUMBIA COUNTY CLERK