TOWN OF WOLF RIVER
IMPLEMENTS OF HUSBANDRY ORDINANCE

Ordinance to Opt-In for Category B IOHs, Category 1 Ag CMVs, or the trailering of one of either of these two types of vehicles from farm to field, from field to field, or from farm to farm, to comply with the statutory axle weight limits under § 348.15(3)(b) pursuant to § 348.15(9)(f)2.

Whereas, Wis. Stat. §§ 348.15(9) (f) 1. & 348.15(9) (f) 1m. provide that there is no weight limitation per wheel, axle, or group of axles for Category B implements of husbandry as defined in § 340.01(24)(a)1.b., for Category 1 agricultural commercial vehicles as defined in § 340.01(10)(e)1., or for a 2-vehicle combination transporting by trailer or semitrailer either one of these two types of vehicles from farm to field, from field to field, or from farm to farm, but does apply gross vehicle weight limitations to these vehicles, and

Whereas, § 348.15(9) (f) 2. authorizes the municipality or county to require compliance with axle weight limitations established under § 348.15(3)(b) for Category B implements of husbandry defined in § 340.01(24)(a)1.b., for Category 1 agricultural commercial vehicles as defined in § 340.01(10)(e)1., or for a 2-vehicle combination transporting by trailer or semitrailer either one of these two types of vehicles from farm to field, from field to field, or from farm to farm, on all highways under its jurisdiction,

Now, therefore, BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED by the Town Board of the Town of Wolf River, of Langlade County, that pursuant to § 348.15(9)(f)2. of Wis. Statutes, all Category B implements of husbandry as defined in § 340.01(24) (a)1.b., all Category 1 agricultural commercial vehicles as defined in § 340.01(10)(e)1., and any 2-vehicle combination transporting by trailer or semitrailer either one of these two types of vehicles from farm to field, from field to field, or from farm to farm may not exceed the axle weight limits imposed by § 348.15(3)(b) of Wis. Statutes, as follows:

“348.18 (3)(b) The gross weight imposed on the highway by the wheels of any one axle may not exceed 20,000 pounds, or, if the vehicle or combination of vehicles is an implement of husbandry or agricultural commercial motor vehicle, or is a 2-vehicle combination transporting by trailer or semitrailer an implement of husbandry or agricultural commercial motor vehicle from farm to field, from field to field or from farm to farm, and is operated on or before January 1, 2020, 23,000 pounds. In addition, the gross weight imposed on the highway by the wheels of the steering axle of a truck tractor may not exceed 13,000 pounds unless the manufacturer’s rated capacity of the axle and the tires is sufficient to carry the weight, but not to exceed 20,000 pounds.” (See Attached Weight Chart.)

Further, BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED that the farms involved with manure hauling will contact the township to complete a permit that will inform the Town of the particular roads that
will be traveled on in the Township, and will map out the traveled route. The roads will be inspected both prior to and after manure hauling is complete. IN ADDITION, the haulers of manure will post a surety bond of $50,000 with the Town to cover any possible damage that may be done in the process of hauling of manure and discovered after hauling is complete. The Town has the authority to require this pursuant to Section 349.16(1)(c), of Wisconsin Statutes.

Further, BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED that to exceed the length and/or weight limitations on highways under this jurisdiction a no-fee permit may be applied for from the State.

Further, BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED that pursuant to § 348.27(19) (b) 4m. in the event an application for a no-fee permit is made for a Category B implement of husbandry as defined in § 340.01(24)(a)1.b., a Category 1 agricultural commercial vehicles as defined in § 340.01(10)(e)1., or any 2-vehicle combination transporting by trailer or semitrailer either one of these two types of vehicles from farm to field, from field to field, or from farm to farm, the municipal jurisdiction or county may not deny the application but may modify and approve the application to include an alternate route or map of highways other than those specified by the applicant and may include highways that are not under its jurisdiction only upon prior approval of the authority having jurisdiction over those highways, except that no prior approval is required with respect to a highway on which these vehicles may be legally operated or transported without a permit or as authorized by the other jurisdiction.

Further, BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED that this ordinance shall be in effect beginning with the calendar year of 2016.

Further, BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED that a copy of this ordinance shall be provided to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation to be posted on its Internet site.

Adopted by the Town Board this ___11th___ day of ___November___, 2015

Town Chairperson – Casper Buettner

Attested to by the Town Clerk

Town Clerk – Mary Lee Heise