

VILLAGE OF DORCHESTER

CLARK & MARATHON COUNTIES

ORDINANCE 202: REGULATING HEAVY TRAFFIC ROUTES

The Village Board of the Village of Dorchester does hereby ordain as follows:

Heavy Traffic Routes:

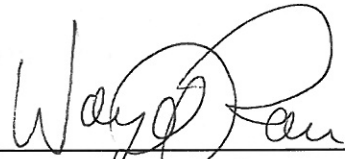
- (a) **Definition.** For the purposes of this ordinance, “heavy traffic” shall be defined as:
- (1) All vehicles not operating completely on pneumatic tires, and
 - (2) All vehicles or combination of vehicles designed or used for transporting property of any nature and having a gross weight of more than fifteen thousand (15,000) pounds. “Heavy traffic” does not include school buses, motor buses, or recreational motor homes.
- (b) **Prohibited Routes.**
- (1) Heavy traffic is prohibited from using any Village of Dorchester street or highway not designated as a heavy traffic route.
 - (2) This section shall not act to prohibit heavy traffic from using a Village street or highway for the purpose of obtaining orders for supplies or moving or delivering supplies or commodities to or from any place of business or residence which has an entrance on such street or highway, nor shall this Section apply to heavy traffic necessary to obtain orders, to make deliveries, or to move supplies or equipment for agricultural purposes. This exception shall be permitted for the period of time necessary to complete the above-described activities. Access to truck route must be shortest route from place of business or residence. Any person violating this ordinance shall forfeit \$150.00 for a first offense, and \$250.00 for subsequent violations.
 - (3) This Section will not act to prohibit heavy traffic from using any Village streets over which are routed state trunk highways. When being driven to the site of any construction, repair, or maintenance of electric, gas, or water service, vehicles owned and operated by a public utility will be exempt from the provisions of this ordinance.
- (c) **Administration.** The Director of Public Works and Village law enforcement officers shall administer this ordinance. Administration shall include:
- (1) **Posting of Signs.** Appropriate signs shall be posted giving notice of this ordinance and of the heavy traffic routes established herein. Yellow sign posts may be also be used to designate heavy traffic routes.
 - (2) **Maps.** Maps of the Village showing heavy traffic routes shall be prepared and shall be available upon request by heavy traffic operators and owners.
 - (3) **Construction Equipment.**
 - a. Heavy construction equipment may use Village streets or highways not designated as heavy traffic routes provided that the closest access route is utilized.
 - b. Village-owned or operated equipment is specifically excluded from the provisions of this ordinance.

(d) **Streets Designated Class "B" Highways.** Except for state or county highways, all streets and highways within the Village of Dorchester, Wisconsin, are hereby designated Class "B" highways subject to the weight limitations imposed on Class "B" highways by the Wisconsin Statutes, except the highways or parts of highways designated as heavy traffic routes.

State Law Reference: Sec. 349.17, Wis. Stats.

Passed at a regular session of the Village Board this 4th day of March, 2015.

This ordinance shall be effective upon publication.



Wayne Rau, President

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Brooke Ruge, Village Clerk

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