

TOWN OF MARTELL
RESOLUTION No. 2026 - 01, ESTABLISHING SEASONAL WEIGHT LIMITS ON TOWN ROADS

Whereas, the Town Board of the Town of Martell, Pierce County, Wisconsin, has the specific authority under Wis. Stat. §§ 82.03 and 349.16 to adopt an ordinance establishing seasonal weight limits on town roads;

Whereas, due to climatic conditions during the annual spring thaw, the roadbeds of certain town highways are weakened and would likely be seriously damaged or destroyed in the absence of special weight limitations;

THEREFORE, the Town Board of the Town of Martell, Pierce County, Wisconsin, by a majority vote on this **March 10th, 2026**, hereby resolves and orders as follows:

1. Imposition of Seasonal Weight Limits

- The following special or seasonal weight limits shall be effective from **March 3** until signs are removed, on all Asphalt covered Town of Martell road and highways:
 - The weight limits shall be **6 tons gross load for single axle vehicles and 10 tons gross load for tandem axle vehicles.**
- The Town Patrolman, shall erect signs as required under Wis. Stat. § 349.16(2) on or before the effective date of this ordinance.

2. Permits and Penalties

- Except as provided in Section 3, no person may operate any vehicle on the above-noted highways in violation of the above-noted weight limits without a written permit issued by the Town Board.
- Upon conviction for a violation of this resolution, the violator shall pay a forfeiture of not less than \$50 and not more than \$100, plus applicable surcharges, assessments, and costs for each violation. Each trip in violation of this ordinance constitutes a separate offense.

3. Exemptions

- Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 349.16(3), the following are exempt from the weight limitations imposed under Section 1:
 - A vehicle that is used to transport material pumped from a septic or holding tank if, because of health concerns, material needs to be removed within 24 hours after the owner or operator is notified.
 - A vehicle operated by or at the direction of a public utility, telecommunications provider, or cooperative association for the purpose of producing or furnishing heat, light, power, or water, when responding to a service interruption.
 - A vehicle being operated to deliver propane for heating purposes, subject to specific gross weight limitations outlined in state statute (30,000 lbs. for a single rear axle, 40,000 lbs. for tandem rear axles).

4. Effective Date and Publication

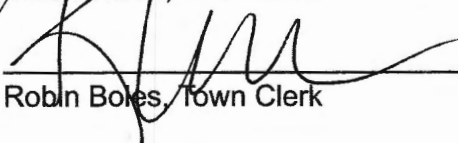
- This resolution is effective upon proper posting or publication.
- The Town Clerk shall properly post or publish this resolution as required by law under Wis. Stat. § 60.80 within 30 days after its adoption.

Adopted this **March 10th**, by the Town Board of the Town of Martell, Pierce County, Wisconsin.

Number of board members voting aye: 3
Number of board members voting nay: 0
Number abstaining or not voting (if determined):



Dale Brathol, Town Chair



Robin Boles, Town Clerk

3.10.26
DATE: