

1 ORDINANCE NO. 2014-258

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5 DATE June 16, 2014

COMMITTEE Public Works

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7 **An Ordinance amending Section 339.12 of the Codified Ordinances of the County of**
8 **Summit entitled “Bridge Weight Limits” to remove a 38-ton load limit on the Harrington**
9 **Road Bridge over the Tuscarawas River Diversion Dam, located in the City of Akron, in**
10 **Council District 8, for the Engineer, and declaring an emergency.**

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12 WHEREAS, Section 339.12 of the Codified Ordinances of the County of Summit entitled
13 “Bridge Weight Limits” limits the gross weight of vehicles authorized to travel on certain
14 bridges that are inspected by the County Engineer; and

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16 WHEREAS, due to recent demolition of the bridge deck and the ongoing rehabilitation of
17 the bridge, the Engineer concludes that the 38-ton load limitation should be removed from the
18 Harrington Road Bridge over the Tuscarawas River Diversion Dam, Bridge Number AKR-227-
19 0023, located in the City of Akron, in Council District 8; and

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21 WHEREAS, the removal of a bridge load limit requires the amendment of Section 339.12
22 of the Codified Ordinances of the County of Summit; and

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24 WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information,
25 that the acceptance and approval of the aforementioned amendment to Section 339.12 is
26 necessary and in the best interest of the County of Summit;

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28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the County of Summit, State
29 of Ohio, that;

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31 SECTION 1

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33 Section 339.12 of the Codified Ordinances of the County of Summit entitled “Bridge
34 Weight Limits” is amended as follows:

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36 **“339.12 BRIDGE WEIGHT LIMITS.**

37 (a) No person shall operate any vehicle upon any of the following bridges, if such vehicle,
38 the gross weight of which, exceeds the maximum load limit specified for each respective bridge:

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<u>Bridge</u>	<u>Maximum Load Limit</u>
41 (1) Knox Boulevard Bridge (COP-305-0033) 42 over Pigeon Creek	22 tons
43 (2) Riverview Road Bridge (BST-009-1430) 44 over Columbia Run	30 tons
45 (3) Harrington Road Bridge (AKR-227-0023) 46 over Tuscarawas River Diversion Dam	38 tons
47 (4) Riverview Road Bridge (AKR-227-0023) 48 over Furnace Run	25 tons
49 (5) Wright Road Bridge (COP-206-0150) 50 over Pigeon Creek	40 tons
51 (6) Coventry Road Bridge (BAR-017-0084)	20 tons

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4 SECTION 1 (cont'd.)

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6 (b) The County Engineer shall place and maintain, at both ends of each respective bridge,
7 signs of substantial construction to conspicuously indicate the maximum weight limitations of
8 vehicle and load as provided herein.

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10 (c) In addition to criminal prosecution for violation of this section, in case of any injury to
11 any bridge by reason of the violation of the weight limitation, damages shall be recovered by
12 civil action on behalf of the County.

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14 (d) Whoever violates any provision of this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor on a first
15 offense; on a second offense within one year after the first offense, the person is guilty of a
16 misdemeanor of the fourth degree; on each subsequent offense within one year after the second
17 offense, the person is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree.”

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19 SECTION 2

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21 This Ordinance is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety and
22 welfare of the citizens of the County of Summit, and for the further reason to amend Section
23 339.12 to immediately permit the return of a necessary bridge to full use.

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25 SECTION 3

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27 Provided this Ordinance receives the affirmative vote of eight members, it shall take
28 effect immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Executive; otherwise, it shall take
29 effect and be in force at the earliest time provided by law.

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31 SECTION 4

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33 It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating
34 to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all
35 deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action,
36 were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section
37 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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