

1 ORDINANCE NO. 2017-292

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3 SPONSOR Ms. Shapiro

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5 DATE August 21, 2017

COMMITTEE Public Works

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7 **An Amended Ordinance amending Section 339.12 of the Codified Ordinances of the**  
8 **County of Summit, entitled “Bridge Weight Limits,” to ~~adjust the~~ remove a 40-ton load**  
9 **limit on the Wright Road Bridge over Pigeon Creek, located in Copley Township, in**  
10 **Council District 5, and correcting the bridge number on the Riverview Road Bridge over**  
11 **Furnace Run, located in Cuyahoga Falls, in Council District 3, for the Engineer, and**  
12 **declaring an emergency.**

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

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18 WHEREAS, due to a recent bridge load rating study conducted by Pennoni and  
19 Associates, Inc., the Engineer concludes that the load limit on the Wright Road Bridge over  
20 Pigeon located in Copley Township, in Council District 5, should be reduced to 16 tons; and

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22 WHEREAS, legislation currently pending before this Council authorizes the Engineer to  
23 make the bridge a one-way facility with traffic controlled by Ohio Department of Transportation  
24 compliant signage at each end of the bridge, which allows the removal of the 40-ton weight limit  
25 on the bridge; and

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27 WHEREAS, the bridge number listed for the Riverview Road Bridge over Furnace Run  
28 located in Cuyahoga Falls, in Council District 3, needs to be corrected from AKR-227-0023 to  
29 CUY-009-0870; and

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31 WHEREAS, the adjustment removal of the aforementioned bridge load limit and the  
32 correction of the bridge number requires the amendment of Section 339.12; and

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34 WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information,  
35 that is necessary and in the best interest of the County of Summit to amend to Section 339.12 to  
36 make the aforementioned adjustment of ~~remove~~ the bridge load limit and the correction of to  
37 correct the bridge number;

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

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42 SECTION 1

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44 Section 339.12 of the Codified Ordinances of the County of Summit, entitled “Bridge  
45 Weight Limits,” is amended as follows:

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47 **“339.12 BRIDGE WEIGHT LIMITS.**

48 (a) No person shall operate any vehicle upon any of the following bridges, if such  
49 vehicle, the gross weight of which, exceeds the maximum load limit specified for each  
50 respective bridge:  
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Bridge	Maximum Load Limit
(1) Riverview Road Bridge (AKR-227-0023 CUY-009-0870) Furnace Run	25 tons
<del>(2) Wright Road Bridge (COP-206-0150)</del> Pigeon Creek	<del>40</del> 16 tons
(Ord. 2012-392. Adopted 10-22-12; Ord. 2012-400. Adopted 10-1-12; Ord. 2013-035. Adopted 2-11-13; Ord. 2013-102. Adopted 3-18-13; Ord. 2014-258. Adopted 6-16-14; Ord. 2014-366. Adopted 9-8-14; Ord. 2015-155. Adopted 4-27-15; Ord. 2015-534. Adopted 12-14-15.)	

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

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

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

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16 SECTION 2

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18 This Ordinance is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety and  
19 welfare of the citizens of the County of Summit, and for the further reason to immediately amend  
20 Section 339.12 to allow local officials to enforce remove a bridge load limit for a bridge located  
21 in Copley Township, in Council District 5 and keep Summit County motorists safe and to correct  
22 an erroneous bridge number for a bridge located in Cuyahoga Falls, in Council District 3.

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24 SECTION 3

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

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30 SECTION 4

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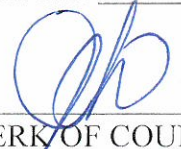
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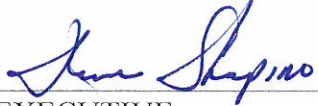


CLERK OF COUNCIL



PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

APPROVED August 22, 2017



EXECUTIVE

August 22, 2017

ENACTED EFFECTIVE

Voice Vote: 10-0 YES: Crawford, Dickinson, Donofrio, Feeman, Hamilton, Koehler, Prentice, Schmidt, Walters, Wilhite  
ABSENT: Rodgers