

1 ORDINANCE NO. 2015-155

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3 SPONSOR Mr. Pry

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5 DATE April 27, 2015

6 COMMITTEE Public Works

7 **An Ordinance amending Section 339.12 of the Codified Ordinances of the County of**
8 **Summit, entitled “Bridge Weight Limits,” to remove a 22-ton load limit on the Knox**
9 **Boulevard Bridge over Pigeon Creek, located in Copley Township, in Council District 5, for**
10 **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 the Ohio Department of Transportation altering of the load limit
17 rating method for culverts that meet the state definition of bridges, the Engineer concludes that
18 the 22-ton load limitation should be removed from the Knox Boulevard Bridge over Pigeon
19 Creek, Bridge number COP-305-0033, located in Copley Township, in Council District 5; and

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21 WHEREAS, the removal of a bridge load limit requires amendment of Section 339.12 of
22 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 of the
26 Codified Ordinances of the County of Summit is necessary and in the best interest of the County
27 of Summit;

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

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32 SECTION 1

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

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37 **“339.12 BRIDGE WEIGHT LIMITS.**

38 (a) No person shall operate any vehicle upon any of the following bridges, if such vehicle,
39 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>
(1) Knox Boulevard Bridge (COP-305-0033) over Pigeon Creek	22 tons
(2) Riverview Road Bridge (AKR-227-0023) over Furnace Run	25 tons
(3) Wright Road Bridge (COP-206-0150) over Pigeon Creek	40 tons
(4) 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 of the Codified Ordinances of the County of Summit to immediately permit the return of
24 a necessary bridge to full use.

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26 SECTION 3

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

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32 SECTION 4

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34 It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating
35 to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all
36 deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action,
37 were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section
38 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

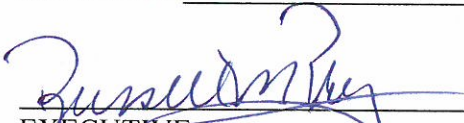
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40 INTRODUCED April 13, 2015

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42 ADOPTED April 27, 2015

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46 CLERK OF COUNCIL

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50 PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

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52 APPROVED April 28, 2015



EXECUTIVE

April 28, 2015

ENACTED EFFECTIVE

Voice Vote: 10-0 YES: Comunale, Crawford, Donofrio, Feeman, Kostandaras, Kurt,
Prentice, Rodgers, Schmidt, Shapiro
ABSENT: Lee