

MIDDLESEX TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA

ORDINANCE NO. 4 -00

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MIDDLESEX,
CUMBERLAND COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, PROVIDING
FOR A MAXIMUM WEIGHT LIMITATION OF 10 TONS
FOR VEHICLES AND 16 TONS FOR COMBINATIONS
ON THE BRIDGE OVER LETORT SPRING RUN AT
SHADY LANE (T-510) AND PROVIDING FOR FINES
AND PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF.

WHEREAS, the Township of Middlesex is a Local Authority under the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code (Act of June 17, 1976, P.L. 162, No. 81), as amended (75 Pa.C.S.A. 101, et seq.) having certain highways, roads and bridges under its jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Middlesex has conducted all necessary engineering and traffic investigations incidental to its exercise of authority hereunder; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Middlesex Township deems it in the best interest of its residents and users of its roads, highways and bridges and in the interest of protecting and preserving the structural integrity of the bridge crossing the LeTort Spring Run on Shady Lane (T-510) (the "Shady Lane Bridge"), Middlesex Township, from damage and abuse by heavy vehicles, to prohibit the use of the Shady Lane Bridge to vehicles and combinations having weights in excess of certain specified limits;

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the Board of Supervisors of Middlesex Township, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, as follows:

SECTION 1: PREAMBLE AND POLICY.

The foregoing paragraphs and preamble are incorporated herein as the background and policy of this Ordinance.

SECTION 2: DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION.

Words and phrases used in this Ordinance shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code (Act of June 17, 1976, P.L. 162, No. 81) as amended.

SECTION 3: USE OF SHADY LANE BRIDGE BY VEHICLES IN EXCESS OF 10 TONS AND COMBINATIONS IN EXCESS OF 16 TONS PROHIBITED AND PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF.

A. It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a vehicle upon Shady Lane Bridge, or any portion of Shady Lane Bridge, which is in excess of the maximum gross weight (vehicle weight plus any load) of ten (10) tons, except combinations, subject to the limitations set forth in Section 3.B., below.

B. It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a combination upon Shady Lane Bridge, or any portion of Shady Lane Bridge, which is in excess of the maximum gross weight (weight of vehicles plus any load) of sixteen (16) tons.

C. Appropriate signs shall be erected and maintained in accordance with Pennsylvania Department of Transportation regulations and guidelines indicating the weight limit established by this Ordinance and providing advance warning of the bridge weight limitation at such locations which would allow drivers to avoid the restricted bridge.

D. Nothing in this Section, however, shall prohibit any person from operating an emergency vehicle on or upon said bridge.

SECTION 4: SEVERABILITY.

The provisions of this Ordinance shall be severable, and if any of its provisions shall be held to be unconstitutional, illegal or otherwise invalid, that decision shall not affect the validity of any of the remaining provisions of this Ordinance. It is declared to be the legislative intention that this Ordinance would have been enacted had the unconstitutional, illegal or otherwise invalid provisions not been included in the Ordinance.

SECTION 5: CONTINUATION OF EXISTING REGULATIONS.

The provisions of this Ordinance insofar as they are the same as those of ordinances and regulations in force immediately before the enactment of this Ordinance are intended as a continuation of those earlier ordinances and regulations. Nothing in this Ordinance shall affect any act done or any suit or prosecution pending or to be instituted under any earlier ordinances or regulations repealed or superseded hereby.

SECTION 6: REPEAL OF CERTAIN PRIOR ORDINANCES.

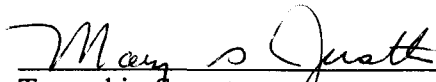
All prior ordinances of Middlesex Township insofar as they deal with the precise subject matter of this Ordinance are repealed and declared to be unenforceable insofar as they are inconsistent with any provisions of this Ordinance.

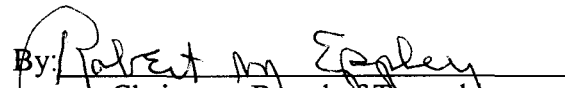
SECTION 7: EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Ordinance shall take effect in accordance with existing law. 30 June 2000

ATTEST:

TOWNSHIP OF MIDDLESEX


Township Secretary

By: 
Chairman, Board of Township
Supervisors