

ORDINANCE 2024-15

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING OF REDUCED VEHICLE WEIGHT LIMIT ON HALLETT AVENUE BRIDGE NO. 392

WHEREAS: In 2015, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) required additional load ratings of Special Hauling Vehicles (SHV) and Emergency Vehicles (EV) for all bridges with a span of 20 feet or greater. These new load ratings are used to replicate newer, heavier style haul trucks and emergency vehicles that did not fit into the types of trucks that bridges were previously designed.

WHEREAS: In accordance with FHWA requirements, ODOT has set a deadline to have bridges load rated for these newer vehicles by December 31, 2025. In the process of performing these load ratings, the Lucas County Engineer has determined that the Hallett Avenue Bridge No. 392 over Al Creek in the Village of Swanton requires a reduced vehicle weight limit for an EV3 Emergency Vehicle and an SU7 Special Haul Vehicle.

WHEREAS: In accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 5755.071, the Lucas County Engineer recommends the following weight limits listed below:

Bridge	SHV Loads (Ton)						EV Loads (Ton)	
	2 axle	3 axle	4 axle	5 axle	6+axle	5 axles w/ Semi Trailer	2 axle	3 axle
103	15	23	27	31	34	40	28	39

WHEREAS: It is important to note that these load reductions will have a nominal effect on standard daily travel across the bridge. Vehicles that comply with the standard legal load limit of 36 tons in Ohio will not be impacted. This bridge is in overall good condition but was not designed to carry these heavier loads permitted for specific circumstances. Signs denoting the load ratings will be posted in accordance with the latest edition of the Ohio Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of the Village of Swanton, two-thirds (2/3) of the members elected thereto concurring and as follows:

Section One: This Village Council hereby establishes the maximum weight of loads for motor vehicles for the Hallett Avenue Bridge No. 392 as indicated above in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 5577.071.

Section Two: That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Village Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Village Council, and that all deliberations of this Village Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section Three. That this ordinance shall be declared an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of public health, safety, and welfare of the Village of Swanton. Wherefore, this resolution shall be in full force and effective immediately upon passage.


Motion to Suspend the Rules

Moved: Kania Second: Schmidt YEAS: 6 NAYS: 0

Vote on Passage

Moved: Kania Second: Westhoven YEAS: 6 NAYS: 0

Date of Passage: October 15, 2024



Neil Toeppe, Mayor

Attest:

I, Holden Benfield, Fiscal Officer of the Village of Swanton, do hereby certify that this is a true and accurate copy of Ordinance 2024-15 passed on October 15, 2024.



Holden Benfield, Fiscal Officer