

CITY OF HARRINGTON

RESOLUTION 15-R-03

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING TRUCK SIZE AND WEIGHT INCREASES

WHEREAS, the City of Harrington is concerned with the welfare of motorists and the cost, quality, and reliability of our infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the trucking industry is an important part of the nation's economy but safely sized and weighted trucks are vital for truck drivers to conduct their essential work in a safe and responsible manner; and

WHEREAS, larger trucks would further endanger motorists and the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) concluded that multi-trailer trucks have an eleven (11) percent higher fatal crash rate than single-trailer trucks; and

WHEREAS, allowing heavier or longer trucks would threaten the safety of the traveling public because heavier and longer trucks would be more difficult to control, increase wear and tear on equipment, and increase crash severity; and

WHEREAS, the City of Harrington roads are not built to handle the weights or lengths of these heavier and longer trucks and many problems are caused to our roads by trucks at their current weights; and

WHEREAS, today's eighty thousand (80,000) pound trucks accelerate the deterioration of road surfaces and bridges but only repay approximately eighty (80) percent of the damage they cause; and

WHEREAS, allowing heavier trucks to operate would add new costs and proposed ninety-seven thousand (97,000) pound trucks would only repay fifty (50) percent of the damage they cause; and

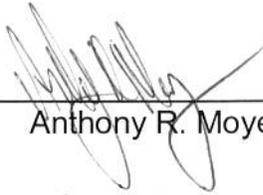
WHEREAS, taxpayers effectively subsidize the operation of heavy trucks in legal operation today with approximately two billion dollars (\$2,000,000) annually, according to USDOT; and

WHEREAS, government highway cost allocation studies show that increases in truck size and weight would exacerbate the existing underpayment of heavy trucks and increase their subsidization by municipalities and counties, amounting to an unfunded mandate; and

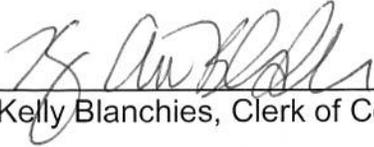
WHEREAS, it is further understood that most truck trips will begin or end on the local road system and that it is this local system that local government agencies would be financially responsible for impacts and repairs caused by these larger vehicles to our infrastructure.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Harrington opposes any increase in truck size or weight at both federal and state levels.

THEREFORE, BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution was passed by a majority of the City Council of the City of Harrington on this 20th day of April 2015.



Anthony R. Moyer, Mayor

Attest: 

Kelly Blanchies, Clerk of Council

April 20, 2015

Date