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Price County Implements of Husbandry Ordinance

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Sec. 1. Authority.

This article is adopted under the authority granted by Wis. Stats. § 348.15(9)(f)(2).

Sec. 2. Intent.

It is the purpose of the Price County Board to protect the public's investment in the transportation infrastructure while supporting the agricultural needs within the county.

Sec. 3. Jurisdiction.

The jurisdiction of this ordinance shall apply to all roads in the Price County highway trunk system.

Sec. 4. Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

- a. Implements of Husbandry as defined in Wis. Statute § 340.01(24):
 - A. Means a vehicle or piece of equipment or machinery designed for agricultural purposes, used exclusively in the conduct of agricultural operations and used principally off the highway, or a trailer-mounted bulk liquid fertilizer container.
 - B. Any motor truck, farm truck, road tractor, truck tractor, or farm truck tractor or such a vehicle combined with a semitrailer, trailer or farm trailer, when the vehicle or combination is a commercial motor vehicle operated on a highway.

Sec. 5. Permit Required.

a. No person shall operate an implement of husbandry on roads under the jurisdiction of Price County, including Category B implements of husbandry, which exceeds state gross vehicle weight limits unless the person operating said vehicle is in possession of a valid permit issued by the Price County Highway Commissioner under authority granted by Wis. Statute §348.26 and §348.27.

b. No fee shall be charged for the application for a permit under this section.

Sec. 6. Permit Conditions.

- **a.** Permits issued under this section shall not apply to state or other local municipality roads.
- **b.** In the event a permit is not granted for a Category B implement of husbandry, the county is required to provide an approved alternate route for purposes of operation. The alternate route may include highways that are not under the jurisdiction of Price County only if prior approval has been given by the jurisdiction(s) over which the alternate route travels.
- c. Gross vehicle weight under this section shall not exceed 23,000 pounds per axle and 92,000 pounds in total, except that a permit granted under this section to a Category B implement of husbandry, may permit that vehicle to exceed said limits.
- **d.** Permits issued under this section are subject to all other spring maximum weight postings or posted maximum weight allowances on bridges.
- **e.** Failure of the operator of an overweight vehicle to have a permit in his or her possession shall constitute a violation of this section.

Sec. 7. Issuance of permit.

The permit shall be issued within 30 days of receipt of the application, provided all conditions of this article have been met.

Sec. 9. Enforcement.

- a) Revocation. The permit may be revoked by the Price County Highway Commissioner at any time if any of the conditions necessary for the issuing of or contained in the permit are not complied with, or if any condition previously met ceases to be complied with.
- **b) Injunction.** The provisions of this article may be enforced by injunction in any court of competent jurisdiction.
- c) Penalty. Any person who violates this article or who violates any condition upon which he is granted a permit may be subject to a forfeiture as set in Wis. Statute §348.21

Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 12 th day of November, 2014.
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