

**TOWNSHIP OF NEW BRITAIN
BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

ORDINANCE NO.: 2021-04-01

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NEW BRITAIN, BUCKS
COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING PART 3 OF CHAPTER 15 OF
THE NEW BRITAIN TOWNSHIP CODE CONCERNING TRAFFIC
REGULATIONS, TO REFERENCE TRAFFIC AND ENGINEERING
STUDIES AND TO PROVIDE WEIGHT LIMITS FOR THE KELLER
ROAD BRIDGE**

WHEREAS, New Britain Township ("Township") has the authority pursuant to Second Class Township Code (53 P.S. §66506 & Article XXIII) and the Motor Vehicle Code (75 Pa.C.S.A. §4902 and §6109) to restrict the weight of vehicles operated upon highways and bridges; and

WHEREAS, the Township has conducted an engineering study as provided for under Pennsylvania Department of Transportation regulations which has determined that the Keller Road Bridge ("Bridge") may be damaged or destroyed unless the permissible weight of vehicles using the Bridge is reduced; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors finds that it is in the best interests of the Township to adopt a Township Ordinance regulating the weight limits for vehicles traversing the Bridge as more fully set forth in this ordinance;

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby ENACTED and ORDAINED by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of New Britain, Bucks County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, as follows:

ARTICLE I. Restrictions on Size, Weight and Type of Vehicle and Load.

Part 3, Restrictions on Size, Weight and Type of Vehicle and Load, of Chapter 15, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Section 301 of the New Britain Township Code is hereby amended to clarify the use of a traffic and engineering study to determine weight limits on Township roads and bridges and to add a new maximum gross weight limit for the Keller Road Bridge. The amended §15-301 shall read as follows:

§15-301 Vehicle Weight Limits Established on Certain Streets and Bridges.

1. In accordance with traffic and engineering studies performed on behalf of New Britain Township pursuant to Section 4902(a) of the Pennsylvania Motor Vehicle Code (75 Pa.C.S. §4902), on the following bridges and streets or parts of streets, it shall be unlawful for any person to drive any vehicle or combination having a gross weight in excess of the maximum weights prescribed below for that bridge or street or part of a street:

<u>STREET OR BRIDGE</u>	<u>BETWEEN</u>	<u>RESTRICTIONS</u>
Upper State Road	Bristol Road and County Line Road	16,000 lbs. RGVW
Keller Road Bridge	King Road and Upper Stump Road	54,000 lbs. RGVW

2. Any violation of this Section shall be prosecuted under §4902(a) and §4902(g)(1) of the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code (Title 75).
3. Any person who violates any provision of this Section commits a summary offense and, upon conviction, shall pay a fine as set forth in and pursuant to the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code (Title 75).

ARTICLE II. **Signage.**

The proper authorities of the Township are authorized to erect official signs establishing the traffic regulations as set forth in this Ordinance, in conformity with the provisions of the Pennsylvania Motor Vehicle Code.

ARTICLE III. **Repealer.**

All ordinances or parts of ordinances which are inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed, but only to the extent of such conflict.

ARTICLE IV. **Severability.**

If any sentence, clause, section, or part of this Ordinance is for any reason found to be unconstitutional, illegal or invalid, such unconstitutionality, illegality or invalidity shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions, sentences, clauses, sections or parts of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared as the intent of the Board of Supervisors of New Britain Township that this Ordinance would have been adopted had such unconstitutional, illegal or invalid sentence, clause, section or part thereof not been included herein.

ARTICLE V. **Effective Date.**

This Ordinance shall become effective five (5) days after final enactment.

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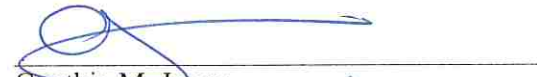
ENACTED and ***ORDAINED*** this 26th day of April 2021.

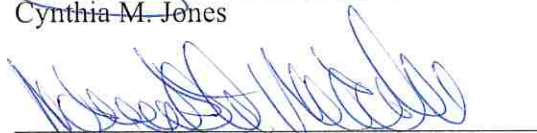
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