

## **POLICY REGARDING ROAD POSTINGS Bethel, Vermont**

The Town of Bethel, in accordance with Rule 118-4 of the Vermont Transportation Board, limits the weight of vehicles traveling on "Posted Roads".

In order to prevent the abuse of any highway, or portion thereof, posted under the provisions of these Sections from February 15<sup>th</sup> to April 30<sup>th</sup>, in each year, or until adoption and announcement of any modifications of said rules, no vehicle having a weight, including vehicle and load, in excess of the weights specified below, shall be operated on any part of the following classes of highways, which are posted under the provisions of these Sections:

**All Town Roads are "Posted Roads".**

**Weight Limits for "Mud Season" (Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> – April 30<sup>th</sup>)**

	<b>State Highways</b>	<b>Town Highways (classes 1, 2, 3, and 4)</b>
<b>Two-axle Trucks</b>	<b>20,000 lbs</b>	<b>15,000 lbs</b>
<b>Three-axle Trucks</b>	<b>30,000 lbs</b>	<b>18,000 lbs</b>
<b>Tractor Trailer Trucks</b>	<b>40,000 lbs</b>	<b>20,000 lbs</b>

**Excess Weight Permits DO NOT Supersede Posted Road Mud Season Weight Limits.**

**Call the Bethel Road Foreman for permission with overweight issues at 234-9440.**

The operation of a vehicle in excess of the posted weight limit of a town highway is a statutory traffic violation for which the operator may be issued a state traffic ticket from a law enforcement officer. The Town may also sue the operator for the cost of repairing the damage to a road.

Certain vehicles are exempt from weight restrictions, even when those weight limits are imposed to protect roads during mud season. Exempt vehicles include municipal fire-fighting, construction machinery as well as agricultural service vehicles.

This policy is adopted at a duly warned meeting on March 8, 2021, by the Bethel Selectboard.



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To Whom It May Concern,

In accordance with Title 19, Vermont Statutes Annotated, Sections 1109-1110, the Transportation Board has made and promulgated a rule to prevent the abuse of highways from November 15<sup>th</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup> and January 1<sup>st</sup> to May 15<sup>th</sup> inclusive, in each year, or until adoption and announcement of any modification to the rule, two copies of which are enclosed herewith. In accordance with Section 12 of Act no. 246 of 1990, this rule is now administered by the Agency of Transportation.

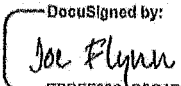
In reading over these Sections, you will note:

- a) This rule does not become effective in a particular town until it has been filed with the Select board, and
- b) Posted by the Select board in two public places, such as bulletin board at the Town Hall, or the office of the Town Clerk or Town Treasurer. Posted on privately owned property does not, in most cases, meet the legal requirements. The attached rule is sent to you for this purpose if you have occasion to use it.
- c) The road to be protected must also be posted at each end with suitable conspicuous notices.

	Town Highways (Classes 2, 3 and 4)
Two-axle trucks	15,000 lbs
Three-axle trucks	18,000 lbs
Tractor-trailer units	20,000 lbs

If there are any roads in your town on which it is advisable to limit the loads from November 15<sup>th</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup> and January 1<sup>st</sup> to May 15<sup>th</sup>, it will be necessary for you to post these two notices as outlined above. The conspicuous notices for each end of the road affected may be procured from your District Transportation Administrator.

Vermont Agency of Transportation  
 Montpelier, VT

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 Secretary of Transportation

2/2/2024

Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Rule 118-4



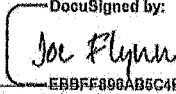
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