

Traffic Regulation and Road Weight Limitation Ordinance # 17-XX-XX

STATE OF WISCONSIN
Town of Bass Lake
Sawyer County

SECTION I – PURPOSE

The purpose of this ordinance is to grant the Town of Bass Lake the authority to install Uniform Traffic Control Devices and the authority to establish, impose and enforce seasonal and permanent weight limits on any road, bridge or culvert maintained by the Town of Bass Lake to ensure public safety and to prevent damage to any and all roadways maintained by the Town.

SECTION II - AUTHORITY

Except as otherwise specifically provided in this ordinance, the statutory provisions in Chapters 340-349 Wisconsin Statutes and Wisconsin Administrative Code Chapter Trans 305 (Standards for Vehicle Equipment), describing and defining regulations with respect to vehicles and traffic, exclusive of any provisions therein relating to penalties to be imposed and exclusive of any regulations for which the statutory penalty is a fine or term of imprisonment, are adopted and by reference made a part of this ordinance as if fully set forth herein. Any future amendments, revisions or modifications of the statutes incorporated herein are intended to be made part of this ordinance in order to secure uniform statewide regulation of traffic on the highways, streets and alleys of the State.

SECTION III – ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE

This ordinance, with proper notice having been given and adopted by a majority of the Town Board on a roll call vote with a quorum present, provides the authority for the Town to establish, maintain and enforce traffic regulations and set seasonal and permanent road weight limitations.

SECTION IV – TRAFFIC REGULATION AND ROAD WEIGHT LIMITATIONS

The Town Board shall determine speed limits for all town roads in compliance with Wisconsin State Statutes.

The Town Chairperson or Highway Department Crew Chief shall have the authority to install Uniform Traffic Control Devices and impose special, seasonal and/or permanent weight limits on any road, bridge or culvert maintained by the Town of Bass Lake to ensure public safety and prevent damage to the roadway giving notice thereof in accordance with the provisions of 349.16 (2) of Wisconsin Statutes.

SECTION V – ENFORCEMENT

The Town of Bass Lake establishes, by this ordinance, that the enforcement of traffic ordinances in the Town of Bass Lake will be in accordance with Sec. 66.12 and 345.20 – 345.53. Stipulations shall conform to the form contained in the uniform traffic citation. The Town of Bass Lake grants authority to the Town of Bass Lake Chairman, Town of Bass Lake Highway Department Crew Chief, the Sawyer County Sheriff's Department, the Wisconsin State Patrol and the **Lac Courte Oreilles (LCO)** Police Department to enforce this ordinance.

SECTION VI – PENALTY

Any person who violates Section 348.16 and/or Section 348.17 may be required to forfeit not less than \$50.00 nor more than \$100.00 plus court costs upon the first conviction and upon the second and each subsequent conviction within a 12-month period, may be required to forfeit not less than \$100.00 nor more than \$200.00, plus scheduled costs pursuant to Wisconsin Statute 348.21 (3).

SECTION VII – PROSECUTION

The Town of Bass Lake appoints an attorney to prosecute the person(s) in violation of this ordinance and that attorney is paid for by the Town of Bass Lake.

SECITON VIII - SEVERABILITY

If any provision of this ordinance or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of this ordinance that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application and to this end, the provisions of this ordinance are severable.

SECTION IX – EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall be effective upon publication or posting by the Town of Bass Lake Clerk as required, pursuant to Wisconsin Statute §60.80.

Adopted on this ____ day of _____, 2017.

By the Town Board of the Town of Bass Lake, Sawyer County, Wisconsin.

Justin Hall, Town Chairman

Doug Mrotek, Supervisor

Ralph Meixner, Supervisor

Joel Valentin, Supervisor

Dave Aubart, Supervisor

Attested by:

Town Clerk, Erica Warshawsky