

Ordinance No. 81

TRUCK ROUTE ORDINANCE

TOWNSHIP OF WHITEFORD
MONROE COUNTY

AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE TRUCK AND COMMERCIAL MOTOR CARRIER TRAFFIC AND ROUTES WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF WHITEFORD TOWNSHIP PURSUANT TO AUTHORITY IN ARTICLE VII, SECTION 29, MICHIGAN CONSTITUTION OF 1963, AND SECTION 726 OF THE MICHIGAN VEHICLE CODE, BEING MCL 257.726, AND TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND GENERAL WELFARE UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF PUBLIC ACT 359 OF 1947, AS AMENDED, BY PROHIBITING THE OPERATION OF COMMERCIAL TRUCK TRAFFIC ON DESIGNATED HIGHWAYS AND STREETS WITHIN WHITEFORD TOWNSHIP, AND TO PROVIDE THAT ONLY CERTAIN HIGHWAYS BE USED FOR COMMERCIAL MOTOR CARRIER AND TRUCK TRAFFIC ROUTES

THE TOWNSHIP OF WHITEFORD ORDAINS:

Section 1. Title

This ordinance shall hereafter be known and may be cited as the Whiteford Township "Truck Route Ordinance".

Section 2. Definitions

The following words and terms are defined for purposes of their use in this Ordinance. Any word or term not defined herein shall be defined according to common or standard usage, or as otherwise defined by statute or law

- 2.1. *Commercial Truck*: Any self-propelled or towed vehicle designed or used on public highways-to transport goods, wares, merchandise, or other property having either a gross vehicle weight rating or an actual gross weight, or a gross combination weight rating or an actual gross combination weight, of 10,001 pounds or more. Commercial trucks shall not include vehicles carrying or designated to carry passengers, all governmentally owned or leased vehicles, public utility vehicles, motor homes or recreational vehicles, or vehicles used exclusively to transport personal possessions or family members for nonbusiness purposes.
- 2.2. *Gross Combination Weight or "GCW"*: The combined weight of a combination of vehicles and any load on those vehicles.
- 2.3. *Gross Weight, Gross Vehicle Weight, or "GVW"*: The combined weight of a motor vehicle and any load on that vehicle.
- 2.4. *Person*: Includes an agency, company, organization, firm, association, partnership, joint

venture, corporation, trust or entity of any type or combination thereof as well as a natural person.

- 2.5. *Implement of Husbandry*: Every truck and every kind of farm equipment, apparatus and/or machinery which is used for agricultural purposes by the owner thereof or his family, employees, or contractors in the conduct of agricultural operations.

Section 3. Truck Routes:

The following roads in the Township of Whiteford to the exclusion of all other roads, are hereby designated as truck routes, and are classified for truck traffic and will be designated as All-Season, All Weather or Special Designated Routes which are not subject to seasonal weight restrictions according to the Monroe County Road Commission ("MCRC") or Michigan Department of Transportation, as appropriate:

Whiteford Road north from Sterns Road up to and including the northerly entrance of the Stone Co., Inc., stone quarry

Whiteford Road south from the southerly last entrance of the Stone Co, Inc. stone quarry to Sterns Road

Sterns Road from Memorial Highway to Adler

Schnipke Drive from Sterns to Section Road

Section Road from U.S. 23 to Schnipke Drive

Memorial Highway from the Ohio/Michigan state line to U.S. 223

Clark Road south from Lynch Road to the Ohio/Michigan state line

Clark Road North from Lynch road to Memorial Highway

Lynch Road from Clark Road south to Clark Road north

Head-o-Lake Road from Sterns Road south to Memorial Highway

Brown Street from a point 200 feet west of Railroad Road to Memorial Highway

U.S. 223 from the South County Line Road to U.S. 23

St. Anthony Road from U.S. 23 to the Whiteford/Bedford Line

Yankee Road from Clark Road to Memorial Highway

The attached Exhibit "A" depicts the roads on the above list, but in the event of any inconsistency, the above list supersedes Exhibit A.

Section 4. Prohibition Against Travel on Non-Truck Route Roads:

Except as expressly permitted under this Ordinance, no person shall operate a truck in the Township of Whiteford on any road other than a designated truck route.

Section 5. Exemptions.

The following activities shall be exempt from the provisions of this Ordinance:

- 5.1. Fire trucks or other emergency vehicles or vehicles on emergency business involved in the

saving of lives or property;

- 5.2. Implements of husbandry moved on a road;
- 5.3. Road repair, construction or maintenance vehicles while involved in the repair, construction or maintenance of roads, public and private utilities, cable television and drains within the Township; and
- 5.4. Trash/garbage service vehicles while involved in the provision of services to residents and businesses within the Township.

Section 6. Exceptions.

The following activities shall be exceptions from the provisions of this Ordinance:

- 6.1. The operation of commercial vehicles or trucks involved in the routine local pickup, delivery, or service where the destination is on a designated No Truck Road, but only so long as such operation is limited to the most direct route to and from a designated truck route as provided for in this Ordinance.
- 6.2. Operation of a commercial truck or vehicle while leaving from or returning to its customary storage location at the owner's or operator's personal residence, or a commercial or industrial location in the Township so long as such operation is limited to the most direct route to and from a designated truck route as provided for in this Ordinance.
- 6.3. Operation of a commercial truck or vehicle at the request of a public official pursuant to or in accordance with an emergency so declared by public official of public act.

Section 7. Enforcement.

The Township Supervisor, the Township Code Enforcement Officer, their designees and sworn law enforcement officers are authorized to enforce the provisions of this Ordinance.

Section 8. Penalty.

A person who violates any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be responsible for a civil infraction, and upon a conviction thereof, shall be assessed a civil fine of \$500.00, plus costs, damages, expenses, and other sanctions allowed by law.

Section 9. Repeal.

All ordinances or parts thereof which are in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed, except that terms defined herein for the purpose of interpretation, administration and enforcement of this Ordinance shall not act to modify, repeal or otherwise change the definition of any such term as used in other ordinances or laws.

Section 10. Savings Clause.

The provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any clause, sentence, paragraph, section or subsection is declared void or inoperable for any reason by any court, it shall not affect any other part or portion hereof other than the part declared void or inoperable.

Section 11. Publication and Effective Date.

The Township Clerk shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law. This Ordinance shall be effective as of the date of final publication of the ordinance.

Section 12. Effective Date

This ordinance shall become effective upon publications as provided by law. This ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after publication.

AUTHENTICATION

WHITEFORD TOWNSHIP BOARD
COUNTY OF MONROE
STATE OF MICHIGAN

AUTHENTICATED:

By: *Christine Bischoff*
Christine Bischoff
Whiteford Township Clerk

By: *Jeffrey Thomas*
Jeffrey Thomas
Whiteford Township Supervisor

I, Christine Bischoff, do hereby certify that I am the duly elected and acting Clerk of the township of Whiteford, and I do hereby certify that this Ordinance was adopted by the Whiteford Township Board of Trustees, Monroe County, Michigan, at a regular meeting of the Whiteford Township Board of Trustees held at the Whiteford Township Hall, 8000 Yankee Road, Suite 100, Ottawa Lake, Michigan 49267, on the 17th day of February, 2026 and that this Ordinance was offered for adoption by Steve Morgan and was seconded by Lee Strahan the vote being as follows:

YEAS: Steve Morgan, Bob Lloyd, Christine Bischoff, Lee Strahan, Jeff Thomas

NAYS: None

ABSENT / ABSTAIN: None

I, Christine Bischoff, Whiteford Township Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an Ordinance adopted at a regular meeting of the Whiteford Township Board of Trustees on the 17th day of February 2026.

Christine Bischoff, Clerk
Whiteford Township, Michigan

ADOPTED: February 17, 2026
PUBLISHED: March 8, 2026
EFFECTIVE: April 7, 2026