

**PUBLIC NOTICE
JACKSON TOWNSHIP
ORDINANCE NO. 3-2026**

You are hereby notified that the Jackson Township Board of Supervisors on September 21, 2026 at 7:30 PM in the Jackson Township building located at 60 North Ramona Road, Myerstown, Pennsylvania, shall consider for adoption and enactment Ordinance No. 3-2026. This is an ordinance of the Township of Jackson which, if adopted, would impose a weight restriction for any and all vehicles using the bridge over the Tulpehocken Creek on South Ramona Road between State Route 422 and the Township road known as King Street which would be in the maximum amount of 18 Tons / Except Combinations 30 Tons, providing for the placement of appropriate signs indicating such restriction and a provision for a penalty for any party or individual or company or other entity who violates the Ordinance. No truck, trailer, truck and trailer, vehicle, van, car or any other form of traffic exceeding the maximum amount of 18 Tons / Except Combinations 30 Tons shall be used to cross and/or traverse that bridge located along South Ramona Road between State Route 422 and King Street at any time commencing upon the effective date of this Ordinance and continuing indefinitely until otherwise amended by the Board of Supervisors. That segment of South Ramona Road shall be marked in accordance with all regulations of the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation with signs indicating that no trucks, no trucks and trailers in combination, no vehicles and/or vans and/or cars in excess of 18 Tons / Except Combinations 30 Tons may be used to cross and/or traverse that bridge located upon South Ramona Road. Signs shall be erected on either end of the bridge informing motorists of the weight restriction and signs shall also be placed at the intersections nearest each end of this segment of South Ramona Road at its intersection with State Route 422 and its intersection with the Township road known as King Street so that motorists might avoid that restricted portion of South Ramona Road. Any vehicle using South Ramona Road in violation of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a summary offense and shall, upon conviction, be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than \$500.00, or in lieu thereof be sentenced to a term of imprisonment of not more than 30 days. Any business located upon South Ramona Road which has no alternate route available to access its business may apply to the Township for an exemption permit.

A complete copy of this ordinance may be obtained or reviewed for a cost not greater than the cost of copying the Ordinance at the following locations:

Jackson Township Municipal Building
60 North Ramona Road
Myerstown, Pennsylvania 17042

Lebanon County Law Library
400 South 8th Street
Lebanon, PA 17042

Secretary
Jackson Township
Board of Supervisors

**JACKSON TOWNSHIP
ORDINANCE NO. 3-2026**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF JACKSON, LEBANON COUNTY, AMENDING THE MAXIMUM WEIGHT RESTRICTION ON ANY AND ALL TRAFFIC USING OR CROSSING THE BRIDGE LOCATED UPON SOUTH RAMONA ROAD (T-560) BETWEEN STATE ROUTE 422 AND KING STREET (T-649), PROVIDING FOR THE RE-POSTING OF THE BRIDGE AT 18 TONS / EXCEPT COMBINATIONS 30 TONS, PROVIDING FOR THE PLACEMENT OF APPROPRIATE SIGNAGE INDICATING SUCH RESTRICTION, AND PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY FOR ANY PARTY WHO VIOLATES THE TERMS OF THIS ORDINANCE.

WHEREAS, The Township of Jackson, Lebanon County ("Township") maintains a road within the Township which runs between US Route 422 and King Street (T-649) otherwise known as South Ramona Road ("T-560"); and

WHEREAS, this segment of South Ramona Road includes a bridge over the stream known as Tulpehocken Creek; and

WHEREAS, after a prior inspection of the bridge conducted by Wilson Consulting Group, the Township was advised to place a maximum weight restriction on the bridge of 10 tons due to instability identified in the bridge's southwest wingwall, and the Township thereafter posted the bridge at 10 tons; and

WHEREAS, the wingwall repair has addressed the condition that led to the current 10-ton posting, and Wilson Consulting Group has increased the substructure condition rating from Critical to Poor and concluded that the existing 10-ton posting is now conservative; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 75 Pa.C.S. § 4902, local authorities may impose restrictions as to the weight or size of vehicles operated upon highways and bridges under their jurisdiction when, based upon an engineering and traffic study conducted in accordance with applicable Pennsylvania Department of Transportation regulations, such authorities determine that the highway or bridge may be damaged or destroyed unless the permissible size or weight of vehicles is reduced; and

WHEREAS, based on Wilson Consulting Group's updated structural analysis, Wilson Consulting Group recommends that the bridge be re-posted at 18 Tons / Excepted Combinations 30 Tons, and the Township has determined that such amended posting is appropriate to protect the residents of the Township and motorists traversing South Ramona Road.

AND NOW, on the 21st day of September, 2026, it is hereby **ORDAINED** and **ENACTED** by the Township of Jackson Board of Supervisors as follows:

1. For purposes of this Ordinance, "Excepted Combinations" shall mean combinations of vehicles, including a motor vehicle and one or more trailers or semi-trailers, for which the applicable posted maximum gross weight on the Bridge is thirty (30) tons, as distinguished from single vehicles or non-combination vehicles subject to the eighteen (18) ton posted maximum gross weight restriction. No vehicle, truck, tractor, car, wagon, trailer, van or any other kind of traffic in excess of 18 tons, or in excess of 30 tons for Excepted Combinations, may cross and/or traverse the bridge located upon South Ramona Road (T-560) between State Route 422 and King Street (T-649) at any time commencing upon the effective date of this Ordinance and continuing indefinitely until this Ordinance is otherwise amended by the Township Board of Supervisors.
2. South Ramona Road and the subject bridge shall be marked in accordance with all regulations of the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation with signs indicating that no vehicles, trucks, tractors, trailers, vans, cars or any other traffic of any sort in excess of 18 tons, or in excess of 30 tons for Excepted Combinations, may use, cross or traverse that bridge located upon South Ramona Road (T-560) between State Route 422 and King Street (T-649). Signs shall be placed at the intersection nearest each end of South Ramona Road being its intersections with State Route 422 and King Street (T-649) and shall inform drivers of the amended weight restrictions upon the bridge.
3. Any operator of any vehicle using South Ramona Road in violation of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a summary offense and shall, upon conviction, be sentenced to pay a

fine of not more than \$500.00, or in lieu thereof be sentenced to a term of imprisonment of not more than thirty (30) Days.

4. Township maintenance vehicles, emergency vehicles and school buses are exempt from the provisions of this Ordinance.
5. Any ordinance or part thereof which contradicts any part of this Ordinance shall hereby be deemed repealed and void.
6. If any part, section, or subsection of this Ordinance is deemed unconstitutional, illegal, or unenforceable, by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such finding of unconstitutionality, illegality, or unenforceability shall not affect and/or repeal any other part, section, subsection, paragraph, or sentence of this Ordinance and this Ordinance shall continue in full force and effect except for that provision found to be unenforceable.
7. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately as permitted in accordance with law.

SO ORDAINED AND ENACTED in lawful sessions duly noticed by the Township of Jackson Board of Supervisors.

ATTEST:

JACKSON TOWNSHIP BOARD
OF SUPERVISORS

By: _____
Thomas Morrissey, Secretary

By: _____
Thomas Houtz, Chairman

By: _____
Michael Dunkle, Vice Chairman