

City of



Dover

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

DRAFT PROPOSED COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 2009-05

A RESOLUTION PROPOSING THE CONTINUATION OF EXISTING LIMITS ON TRUCK SIZE AND WEIGHT

WHEREAS, the Dover City Council, acting in the interest of the health, safety and welfare of its citizens, is committed to protecting the safety of motorists and the taxpayers' investment in our infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the types of vehicles traveling on Dover's streets, highways, roads, and bridges particularly on DE-1, have a tremendous influence on the safety of all motorists and the types of vehicles traversing our streets affect the condition of our streets, with large trucks exerting more pressure than 100 cars. Thus, our streets wear out, weaken and deteriorate more quickly, necessitating more frequent repairs; and

WHEREAS, both Federal and State laws limit the gross vehicle weight of trucks operating on Interstate Highways and State roads to 80,000 pounds and State law prohibits longer combination vehicles ("LCVs"), which are double- and triple-trailer trucks with gross weights exceeding 80,000 pounds, from using Delaware State roads, and LCVs are likewise prohibited from Delaware Interstates by a 1991 Congressional "freeze"; and

WHEREAS, there is growing support from interest groups to remove this "freeze", thereby allowing longer and heavier trucks on Delaware Interstates as part of the reauthorization of the Federal Highway Bill, which also raises the Federal Interstate weight limit from 80,000 to 97,000 pounds; and

WHEREAS, the Dover City Council, concerned about the impact of larger vehicles on the Nation's Infrastructure and communities, urges the President and Congress to maintain current Federal truck size and weight limits and the condition of Dover's streets and the safety of its residents and visitors is of tremendous importance to the City Council, and any modification to increase the current limits on truck size and weight poses risks to both.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Dover City Council supports the continuation of the existing limits on truck size and weight, thereby opposing longer combination vehicles (LCVs) and any increases in truck length, size or weight on City streets and on any of Delaware's highways, roads, and bridges.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council supports the maintenance of current limits on truck size and weight.

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