

2 **RESOLUTION: Establish Policy for County Highway Weight Limits as Provided in 2013**
3 **ACT 377 and § 348.15(3)(g), Wis Stats**
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5 **TO THE WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

6 **WHEREAS**, The Wisconsin Legislature has adopted 2013 ACT 377, which amends the Wisconsin Statutes
7 regarding operations of Implements of Husbandry and Agricultural Commercial Motor Vehicles on public roads; and

8 **WHEREAS**, a portion of this new law provides amendments to weight limitations, maximum lengths, and
9 other operating guidelines and authorizes local Towns, Cities, and Villages, among other issues, limited discretion to
10 establish less stringent weight limits on some roads within certain statutory limits; and

11 **WHEREAS**, after review by the Winnebago Highway Committee and upon that Committee’s consultation
12 with town officials within Winnebago County, the Highway Committee herein recommends that the Board adopt a
13 policy accepting and instituting those weight limits, without amendment, which are set forth by the State Legislature
14 in 2013 Act 377 and, specifically, in the chart attached to § 348.15(3)(g), Wis Stats, as the Committee finds those
15 weight limits to be inherently reasonable and without need for amendment; and

16 **WHEREAS**, the aforementioned law requires the local authority having jurisdiction over each road’s
17 maintenance to create and issue “no-fee permits” to the agricultural community when requested and when
18 appropriate. These permits are designed to be issued and renewed annually; and

19 **WHEREAS**, it appears to be in the best interests of Winnebago County residents and road users for the
20 entire County to adopt and utilize the same policy and to work to assure consistent implementation of this policy
21 across municipal boundaries.

22 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby
23 adopts a policy so as to implement those weight limits on county roads as is set forth in 2013 Wisconsin Act 377 and,
24 more specifically, in § 348.15(3)(g), Wis Stats

25 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby authorizes the
26 County Highway Department to provide coordination services to the local municipalities regarding the administration
27 and implementation of these new laws. These activities may require charges to be levied to the local municipalities
28 for services rendered.
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30 Respectfully submitted by:

31 **HIGHWAY COMMITTEE**

32 Committee Vote: **3-0**

33 Vote Required for Passage: **Majority of Those Present**

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35 Approved by the Winnebago County Executive this ____ day of _____, 2012.
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38 Mark L Harris
39 Winnebago County Executive