RESOLUTION NO. **67-15**
LOAD/SPEED RESTRICTIONS AND
EMERGENCY CLOSING ORDERS FOR COUNTY ROADS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the emergency provisions of RCW 36.75.270 and RCW 46.44.080, all Mason County roads are hereby immediately subject to closure for travel by all vehicles exceeding the weight and/or speed limits as listed herein for the remainder of 2015 through the 2016 calendar year. (Note: The Board may suspend or extend the closure on any County Road by independent action according to the prevailing conditions.)

THIS ORDER shall supersede for the period designated, any previous order in conflict herewith, provided that this order shall not supersede or modify any restrictions now in force covering load limits on bridges located upon county roads.

THE COUNTY ROADS posted with the following load restrictions are closed to all vehicles with a gross weight (vehicles and load) which exceeds the following load limits for the size of tires as stated in WAC 468-38-080 and as set forth below:

EMERGENCY LOAD RESTRICTIONS

CONVENTIONAL TIRES		TUBELESS OR SPECIAL WITH .5 MARKING	
Tire Size	Gross Load Each Tire	Tire Size	Gross Load Each Tire
7.00	1800 lbs.	8-22.5	2250 lbs.
7.50	2250 lbs.	9-22.5	2800 lbs.
8.25	2800 lbs.	10-22.5	3400 lbs.
9.00	3400 lbs.	11-22.5	4000 lbs.
10.00	4000 lbs.	11-24.5	4000 lbs.
11.00 & over	4500 lbs.	12-22.5 & over	4500 lbs.

SEVERE EMERGENCY LOAD RESTRICTIONS

CONVENTIONAL TIRES		TUBELESS OR SPECIAL WITH .5 MARKING	
Tire Size	Gross Load Each Tire	Tire Size	Gross Load Each Tire
7.00	1800 lbs.	8-22.5	1800 lbs.
7.50	1800 lbs.	9-22.5	1900 lbs.
8.25	1900 lbs.	10-22.5	2250 lbs.
9.00	2250 lbs.	11-22.5	2750 lbs.
10.00	2750 lbs.	11-24.5	2750 lbs.
11.00 & over	3000 lbs.	12-22.5 & over	3000 lbs.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH RCW 36.75.270 and RCW 46.44.080, these emergency restrictions may be imposed effective immediately, by posting the roads involved.

WHEN IMPOSING LOAD RESTRICTIONS pursuant to this Resolution, the Mason County Public Works Department shall specify and display by posted signs, whichever of the above schedules of load restrictions is necessary to protect the county road from damage.

NO ALLOWANCE SHALL BE MADE for any second gear axle suspended from the frame of the vehicle independent of the regular driving axle, otherwise known as "rigid trail" axles. Allowance will be made for single tires only on the front of any truck. The load distribution on any axle of a vehicle shall be such that it will not load the tires on said axles in excess of the prescribed load, as above set forth. Any loading in excess of the specified maximums as listed herein will be considered a violation of this order. If the motive power for any type of trailer is inadequate to safely handle the specified maximum load as listed herein for such trailer, then in that event, the load on the trailer shall be reduced sufficiently to allow said truck and trailer to operate with safety.

PERMITS ALLOWING TRANSPORTATION ALONG RESTRICTED ROADS. Permits may be issued by the Mason County Public Works Department to allow the operation of trucks transporting perishable commodities or commodities necessary for the health and welfare of local residents on such county roads, which may be closed or restricted. Such permit may include weight and speed restrictions, plus other restrictions deemed necessary to protect the roadway from undo damage. Vehicles with a gross weight of less than 10,500 lbs (GVW) shall be permitted to operate at full capacity under this resolution. (By general rule emergency vehicles do not need a special permit, but may require weight and speed restrictions. School buses maybe required to run emergency bus routes with possible speed restrictions).

VIOLATION-TRAFFIC INFRACTION. Any violation of these restrictions constitutes an infraction under the provisions of RCW 46.44.105; RCW 46.44.080. Any person found to have violated any posted limitations COUNTY of a highway or section of highway shall be assessed a monetary penalty of not less than one hundred and fifty dollars.

CIVIL LIABILITY PENALTY. Violators are also subject to civil liability for the damage caused by such violations as provided under RCW 46.44.110 and RCW 46.44.120.

POSTING ROAD CLOSURES. The county engineer or road operations & maintenance supervisor in and for said Mason County is delegated the authority in the absence of said Board of County Commissioners, and with their permission to close any and all county roads by publishing and posting notice in accordance with RCW 47.48.020; provided, however, that in cases of emergency or conditions, the county engineer or road operations & maintenance supervisor may, without permission or delay, close county roads temporarily to all vehicles or designated class of vehicles or place other conditions or restrictions by posting notice at each end of the closed portion of road or roads. Such restrictions shall be effective immediately upon posting

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MASON COUNTY hereby resolves to place the above described Load Restrictions and Emergency Closing Orders in effect immediately and the county road purpose described herein is declared a public necessity and the county road engineer shall be and is hereby ordered and authorized to proceed as prescribed by law.

ADOPTED this _22_ day of _Dec._ 2015.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MASON COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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ATTEST:

JULIE ALMANZOR
Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

TIM WHITEHEAD,
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