

**SUMMIT COUNTY  
ORDINANCE NO. 304**

**HIGHWAY RESTRICTION ORDINANCE**

**PREAMBLE**

**WHEREAS**, Utah Code Annotated [hereinafter "U.C.A."], Title 27, Chapter 12 (1953), as amended, gives the Board of Commissioners authority to proscribe rules regarding the use and maintenance of county roads and rights-of-way; and,

**WHEREAS**, in order to facilitate the normal and safe movement of traffic and to prevent damage or destruction to any highways or roads, rules regulating the usage of these roads are necessary; and,

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interests of Summit County that rules governing road usage be established to protect the health, safety, and general welfare of its residents;

**NOW THEREFORE, the County Legislative Body of the County of Summit, the State of Utah, ordains as follows:**

Section 1.    **Restrictions upon Use of Highways and Roads.** The County Engineer may prohibit the operation of all vehicles upon any highway or road of the County or impose restrictions as to the weight of vehicles thereon for a period of up to ninety (90) days in a calendar year, whenever a highway or road might otherwise be seriously damaged by deterioration or climatic conditions. Equally, a governing board of any County Service Area may prohibit the operation of all vehicles upon any highway or road within that service area or impose restrictions as to the weight of vehicles thereon for a period of up to ninety (90) days in a calendar year, whenever a service area highway or road might otherwise be seriously damaged by deterioration or climatic conditions. All such restrictions shall be designated by appropriate signs and markings at each end of that portion of the highway or road affected by this Ordinance and shall not be effective until and unless such signs are erected and maintained. The County Engineer or governing County Service Area Board, as the case may be, may prohibit the operation of trucks or other commercial vehicles, or impose limitations as to the weight thereof, on designated highways within their areas of control, which prohibitions and limitations shall be designated by appropriate signs or markings.

Section 2.    **Weight Limits on County Roads.** It is unlawful for any person to drive or move upon the roads or highways of the county any vehicle of a size or weight exceeding the limitations as provided for in this Ordinance.

**Section 3. Vehicle Size and Weight Restrictions.**

- A. The County Engineer or governing County Service Area Board, as the case may be, is authorized to establish size and weight limits for vehicles operated upon county roads and highways within their areas of control and to alter or change the size and weight limits within the County set by U.C.A. 27-12-149 & 151, whenever the County Engineer or governing County Service Area Board finds that such limitations are necessary to facilitate the normal and safe movement of traffic, or to prevent damage or destruction to any highways or roads.
  
- B. No setting of weight and/or size limitations shall become effective until the County Engineer has made an investigation of engineering and traffic conditions at the areas to be affected by such limitations in accordance with the requirements of U.C.A. 27-12-145 and until the County Engineer or appropriate County Service Area has installed, or caused to be installed, appropriate signs designating size and/or weight limitations and the areas in which they are to be in effect. All signs or other control devices required by this section to be installed shall conform, so far as possible, to the system set forth in the most recent "Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways" adopted by the Utah Department of Transportation.

**Section 4. Violation - Penalty.** Any person violating any of the restrictions, rules, regulatory signs, or prohibitions as set forth in this Ordinance shall be guilty of a Class B Misdemeanor and shall be subject to a fine and imprisonment as provided by law.

**Section 5. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become effective after publication of such in accordance with applicable State law.

**APPROVED, ADOPTED, AND PASSED and ordered published by the Summit County Board of Commissioners, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1996.**

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
SUMMIT COUNTY, STATE OF UTAH**

**By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman**

**Commissioner Soter voted: \_\_\_\_\_  
Commissioner Richins voted: \_\_\_\_\_**

**ATTEST:**

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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**County Clerk**

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**Deputy County Attorney**