

ORDINANCE NO. **11426**

AN ORDINANCE establishing the authority of the County Road Engineer to impose temporary load limits on bridges; revising enforcement penalties; authorizing the issuance of special permits for exceeding posted limits; amending Ordinance 5701, Section 2 and K.C.C. 14.16.010; Ordinance 5701, Section 18, and K.C.C. 14.16.170; and adding a new section to K.C.C. 14.16.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. Ordinance 5701, Section 2 and K.C.C. 14.16.010 are each hereby amended to read as follows:

Gross weight allowed and notification. It is unlawful for any person to operate a vehicle over any King County bridge((s)) ~~((with a))~~ when such vehicle has a gross weight ((which)) that is greater than the posted maximum weight for that bridge, unless the driver is in possession of a limited special permit issued by the county road engineer or designee for the safe use of such bridge.

Notice of closing of individual bridges to certain classes or weights of vehicles shall be:

A. Published in a local newspaper of general circulation, and

B. Posted on signs at each end of subject bridge, on or prior to the date of publication. All signs shall be erected and maintained in accordance with RCW 36.88.040, RCW 46.61.450 and RCW 47.36.030.

~~((All provisions of this chapter shall be in accordance with Chapters 53 and 189 of the Washington State Session Laws of 1937, RCW 36.75.270 and RCW 46.44.080.))~~

Maximum gross weights for vehicles operating over King County bridges shall be established by ordinance in accordance with RCW 36.75.270 and RCW 46.44.080.

1 The county road engineer shall have the authority by
 2 administrative determination to immediately impose temporary
 3 gross weight limits on bridges based on the results of an
 4 engineering and traffic investigation. The traffic engineer
 5 shall have the authority to immediately erect and maintain
 6 official traffic control devices for temporary gross weight
 7 limits on bridges as directed by the county road engineer and in
 8 accordance with Chapter 46.90 RCW, WAC 308-330-265 and K.C.C.
 9 46.04.010. The temporary gross weight limits on bridges shall be
 10 in effect for not longer than one year from the date of posting
 11 or until the weight limits are established by ordinance.

12 SECTION 2. Ordinance 5701, Section 18 and K.C.C. 14.16.170
 13 are each hereby amended to read as follows:

14 Enforcement. The director of the department of public works
 15 and the director of the department of public safety are
 16 authorized to enforce the provisions of this chapter and any
 17 rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.

18 Any violation of this chapter is (~~punishable, upon~~
 19 ~~conviction, by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars or by~~
 20 ~~confinement in the county jail for a period not to exceed ninety~~
 21 ~~days, or both.)) a traffic infraction and subject to a penalty of
 22 \$250.~~

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NEW SECTION. SECTION 3: There is added to K.C.C. 14.16 a new section to read as follows:

Limited Special Permits. The county road engineer or designee is authorized to issue limited special permits for the safe use of load limited bridges by emergency vehicles and other vehicles exceeding the posted maximum weight.

INTRODUCED AND READ for the first time this 27th day of June, 1994.

PASSED by a vote of 11 to 0 this 25th day of July, 1994.

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Kent Pullen
Chair

ATTEST:

Gerald A. Peterson
Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this 2nd day of August, 1994.

Doug Locke
King County Executive