

CLEARANCES	Initial	Date	Date Received in Council Office:	Agenda date	Assigned to:
Originator: Imhof				1/25/94	Council/Introduction
Division Head:				2/8/94	Council/Hearing
Dept. Head:				2/22/94	Council/Public Services
Prosecutor:	D.G.	1/25		3/8/94	Public Svcs/Council
Purchasing/Budget:				4/12/94	Public Svcs/Council
Executive:				4/26/94	Public Svcs/Council
				5/10/94	Public Svcs/Council

SUBJECT:
Establishing a weight limit on Birch Bay Drive

ATTACHMENTS:

Petition
Ordinance

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

Please complete sections of box as appropriate & explain the item below.

Related County contract #:	Should Clerk schedule a hearing? NO / / YES / / Requested date:
Amount budgeted for this item/project: \$	Is it (or will it be) within budget? YES / / NO / / (Please explain below)
Budget line item number(s):	

The Council was petitioned by 184 residents (mostly residents of Birch Bay Drive) to establish the weight limit on Birch Bay Drive. The ordinance was requested due to substandard lane width, large volumes of pedestrian bicycle traffic, an historical record of excessive speeding, lack of sufficient traffic enforcement, the residential and resort nature of this community and the desire for a measure of safety and quiet. The request is for a five-ton Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW) but the County Engineer has recommended a 15-ton limit to allow school buses and service vehicles to utilize the roadway (with emergency vehicles being exempt).

ORIGINATOR'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

COMMITTEE ACTION TAKEN:

4/12/94: Held in Committee
4/26/94:

COUNCIL ACTION TAKEN:

1/25/94: Introduced
2/8/94: Postponed to 2/22 to allow staff to make wording changes to the ordinance reflecting a weight limit of five tons and local service access.
2/22/94: Held in committee
3/94: Postponed to April 12, April 12 - Held in committee until 4/26/94.
4/26/94:
5/10/94: Council adopted the ordinance.

Related File Numbers:

Ordinance or Resolution Number (this item only): Ord 94-030

SPONSORED BY: Consent

PROPOSED BY: Public Works - Engineering

INTRODUCTION DATE: 1/25/93

ORDINANCE NO. 94-030

ESTABLISHING A WEIGHT RESTRICTION
ON A PORTION OF BIRCH BAY DRIVE

WHEREAS, the Whatcom County Council is authorized under RCW 46.44.080 to impose weight restrictions on certain County Roads; and

WHEREAS, the residents living along Birch Bay Drive between Harborview Road and Shintaffer Road have requested that the County place a five-ton weight restrictions to limit through truck usage on this portion of Birch Bay Drive; and

WHEREAS, the Engineering Department recognizes that alternate through truck routes are available and concurs that a weight restriction would be advisable but that certain exemptions are required to adequately serve the public.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Whatcom County Council that weight restrictions be set at a maximum five-ton gross vehicle weight for through traffic on Birch Bay Drive from Harborview Road to Shintaffer Road, located in Sections 24 and 25, Township 40 North, Range 1 West, W.M., although school buses, local service and delivery vehicles, and emergency vehicles shall be exempt.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the County Engineer is hereby directed to post the appropriate signs and that the Whatcom County Sheriff and the Washington State Patrol be notified by a copy of this ordinance.

Provisions of this ordinance are hereby added to Whatcom county Code Section 10.30.

ADOPTED this 10th day of May, 1994

ATTEST:

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Ramona Reeves
Ramona Reeves, Council Clerk

Robert A. Imhof
Robert A. Imhof, Council Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Approved Denied

Daniel L. Gibson
Civil Deputy Prosecutor

Shirley Van Zanten
Shirley Van Zanten, Executive
Date: 5/11/94