



# Town of Lincoln

## UNIFORM MUNICIPAL EXCESS WEIGHT PERMIT CONDITIONS ORDINANCE

Adopted by the Lincoln Selectboard on May 5, 2026  
Revises original policy adopted April 21, 2026, and March 16, 2021

Background and purpose: The Town of Lincoln annually issues Excess Weight Permits under the provisions of 23 VSA §1400(a), allowing use of town roads and bridges by vehicles exceeding general town and state weight limits. The purpose of the permit is to facilitate necessary commerce while regulating and monitoring use to protect the town's investment in highway and bridge infrastructure and to promote public safety by minimizing damage caused primarily by heavy vehicles. Excess weight permits will be issued with certain conditions and restrictions and maintained in force only if conditions and restrictions are met.

General conditions: The following conditions and restrictions shall apply to all permits.

- 1) Unless otherwise noted permits are approved for all roads except for Class 4 roads and bridges with posted reduced limits.
- 2) Weight permits are **not** valid during annual spring "mud season" when roads are posted.
- 3) York Hill Bridge B-46 is strictly posted at 16,000 pounds, vehicles holding weight permits, except emergency and fuel deliveries **ARE NOT PERMITTED**.
- 4) Individual trips may be permitted by the Highway Supervisor, (802) 349-2234, if they determine that weather conditions are such that the proposed trip will not unduly damage the road or bridge (s) being used. (For example, gravel roads and paved road base is sometimes frozen in early morning hours and are able to carry loads but thawed and softened later in the day.)
- 5) Delivery of supplies and materials that require the use or implementation of steel tracks, wheels, outriggers or stabilizers of any kind are **NOT PERMITTED** unless prior permission is received, in writing, by the Highway Supervisor. The Highway Supervisor shall have the authority to require the use of appropriate items and materials (e.g. heavy wood planking) to spread the weight of the load to protect the road base and surface and on asphalt roads to protect the road surface from excessive abrasion, indentation, perforation or other damage. Particular care will also be required to prevent damage to road shoulders and drainage infrastructure.
- 6) Failure to contact the Highway Supervisor for a special permit will be considered a violation of this ordinance and will result in the immediate forfeiture of the excess weight permit. If a violation occurs the applicant will require full Selectboard permission before a new application can be submitted, considered or approved.
- 7) The holder of a permit shall be liable for any damage to highway or bridges per VSA Title 23, Sec 1400a (c) and is required to furnish the municipality with a valid Certificate of Insurance in the following amounts: a minimum of \$100,000/\$300,000 Personal Injury Liability Coverage and \$100,000 Property Damage Coverage.
- 8) Nothing in this ordinance shall be interpreted to unduly restrict or impede the routine travel to and from the place of business of an established local business located within the Town of Lincoln during periods when roads are posted.
- 9) Special individual trip permits shall be requested a **minimum of 24 hours** in advance and shall be submitted in the following form:

**REQUEST FOR INDIVIDUAL TRIP AND/OR UNLOADING PERMIT**

Date of Request:

Name of Requestor:

Location (Road name(s)/Bridge(s):

Date of event:

Purpose:

APPROVED:

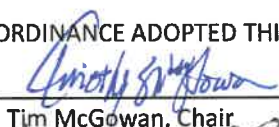
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Additional Conditions:

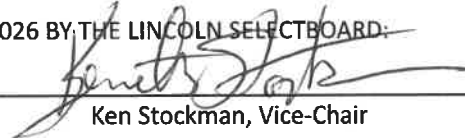
Signature: Lincoln Highway Supervisor

Date:

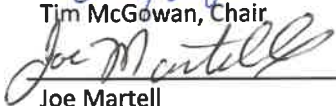
ORDINANCE ADOPTED THIS 5 DAY OF MAY, 2026 BY THE LINCOLN SELECTBOARD:



Tim McGowan, Chair



Ken Stockman, Vice-Chair



Joe Martell

Lisa Sargent



Lori Atkins

**Adoption History**

1. Agenda Item at regular Selectboard meeting held on 5/5/2026
2. Read and approved at regular/special Selectboard meeting on 5/5/2026 and entered in the minutes of that meeting which were approved on 5/19/2026.
3. Posted in public places on 5/7/26.
4. Notice of adoption published in the Addison Independent newspaper on 5/14/2026 with a notice of the right to petition.
5. Other actions (petitions, etc.)