

RESOLUTION
101017-3
OPPOSING TRUCK SIZE OR WEIGHT INCREASE

WHEREAS, the primary responsibility of the Borough of Gettysburg, Borough Council is to serve as the legislative body of the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Gettysburg is concerned for the health, welfare and safety of the Borough's residents and the conditions of its infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the main thoroughfare of the Borough of Gettysburg is US Route 30, the first trans-continental highway, which experiences heavy amounts of truck traffic; and

WHEREAS, bigger and heavier trucks cause greater acceleration of the deterioration of the Borough's highways, roads and bridges, putting further pressure on local taxpayers to fund infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania has 5,050 bridges that are rated as structurally deficient and 4,388 that are rated as functionally obsolete as of 2014, according to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA); and

WHEREAS, over 60 percent of Pennsylvania's roadways are in poor or fair condition and today's heavy truck operations accelerate the deterioration of road surfaces and bridges but only repay approximately 80 percent of the damage they cause; and

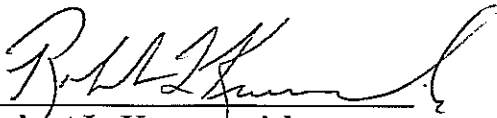
WHEREAS, allowing heavier and longer trucks to operate would add new costs and proposed 97,000-pound trucks would only repay 50 percent of the damage they cost; and

WHEREAS, increasing truck weights would further compromise the safety of motorists and the quality of roads and bridges; and


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough of Gettysburg, Borough Council opposes any increase in truck size or weight.

BOROUGH OF GETTYSBURG

Date: 10/10/17

BY: 
Robert L. Krummerich
President of Borough Council

Attest:


Sara L. Stull
Sara L. Stull, Borough Secretary