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Part 1**Interim Parking Ordinance****§15-101. Short Title.**

This Part shall be known and may be cited as the “Thornhurst Township Interim Parking Ordinance.”

(*Ord. 17, 6/9/1983, §1.100; as amended by Ord. 41, 11/10/2011*)

§15-102. Roadways Affected.

The regulations and restrictions hereinafter set forth shall affect an approximately ½ mile portion of SR 2013 and an approximately ¼ mile portion of SR 2015, said areas being outlined on the attached map.

(*Ord. 17, 6/9/1983, §2.100; as amended by Ord. 41, 11/10/2011*)

§15-103. Parking Restrictions.

Parking of any motor vehicle on or adjacent to the Southwesterly side of SR 2013 and the Southwesterly and Westerly side of SR 2015 shall be prohibited during the 3-day period of each year consisting of the Friday, Saturday and Sunday falling nearest to the fourth day of July of a given year.

(*Ord. 17, 6/9/1983, §2.101; as amended by Ord. 41, 11/10/2011*)

§15-104. Posting of Notice.

Notice of the foregoing restrictions affecting the portions of SR 2013 and SR 2015 hereinbefore described shall be posted by the Township during each such 3-day period, said notices to be posted at intervals of not less than 50 feet.

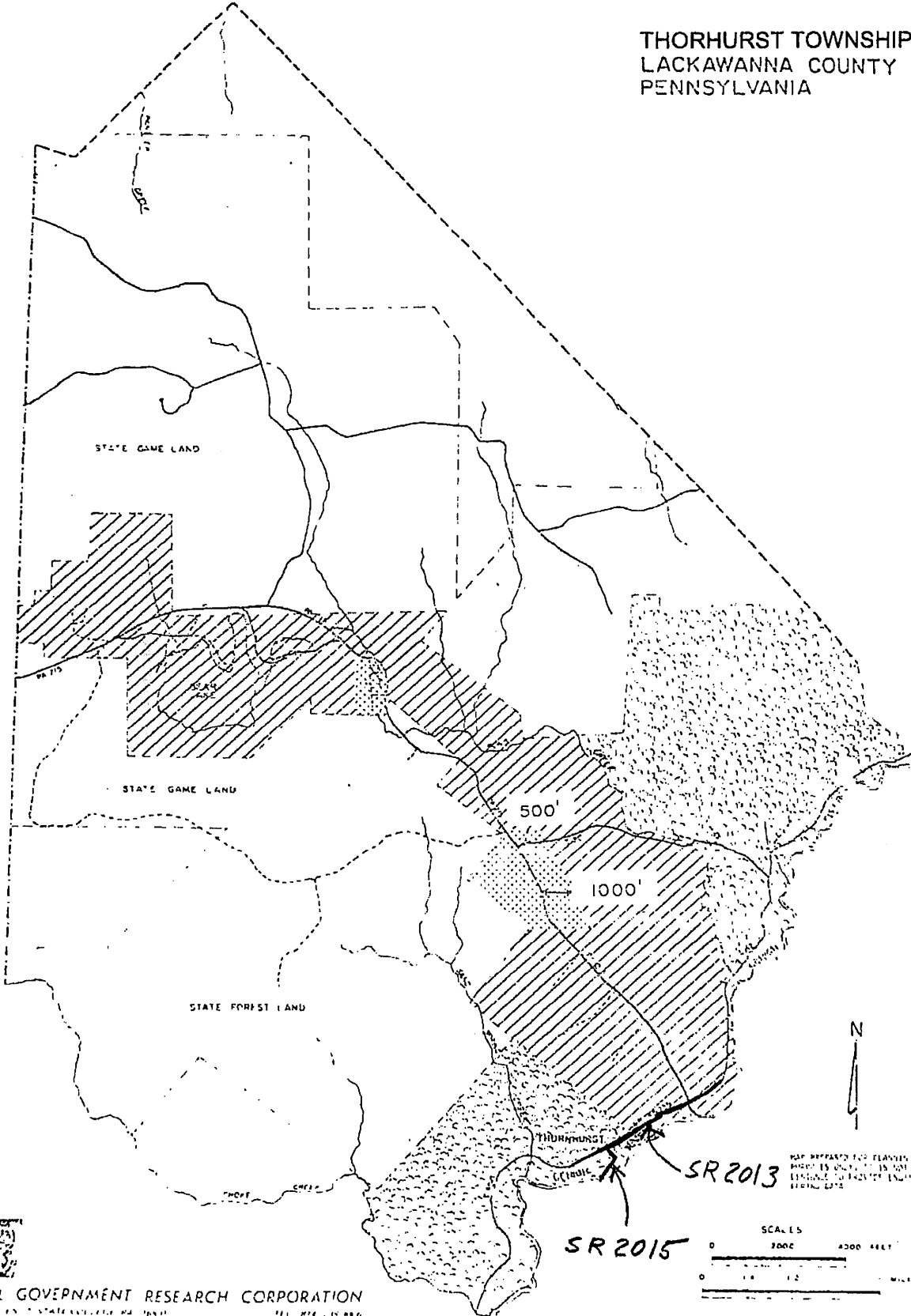
(*Ord. 17, 6/9/1983, §2.102; as amended by Ord. 41, 11/10/2011*)

§15-105. Penalties.

Any person, corporation, partnership, limited partnership, association, or other entity or any combination thereof, who or which violates this Chapter shall, upon conviction thereof in a summary proceeding, be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than \$50. All fines collected for the violation of this Chapter shall be paid over to the Township.

(*Ord. 17, 6/9/1983, §3.100; as amended by Ord. 41, 11/10/2011*)

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Part 2**Motor Vehicle Weight Limitations****§15-201. Short Title.**

This Part shall be known as “Motor Vehicle Weight Limitation Ordinance of Thornhurst.”

(*Ord. 39B, 2/12/2009, §1*)

§15-202. Enactment.

This Part is enacted pursuant to the authority conferred by the Vehicle Code, Act of 1976, June 17, P.L. 1962, No. 81, §1, effective July 1, 1977, 75 Pa.C.S.A. §101 *et seq.*, as amended, and is intended to include and be subject to all provisions of §4902 of the Vehicle Code, 75 Pa.C.S.A. §4902, and all Pennsylvania Department of Transportation regulations promulgated or to be promulgated under the Vehicle Code, by way of illustration and not limitation, under §§4902(1) and 6103, 75 Pa. C.S.A., §4902(f) and 6103.

(*Ord. 39B, 2/12/2009, §2*)

§15-203. Definitions.

The following words when used in this Part shall have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

Emergency vehicle—a fire department vehicle, police vehicle, ambulance, blood delivery vehicle, Armed Forces emergency vehicle, one private vehicle of a fire or police chief or assistant chief, or ambulance corps commander or assistant commander, or of a river rescue commander used for answering emergency calls, or other vehicle designated by the State Police under §6106 of the Vehicle Code (relating to designation of emergency vehicles by Pennsylvania State Police), 75 Pa.C.S.A. §6106.

Local traffic—emergency vehicles and school buses, defined hereinafter, vehicles and combinations or governmental entities and utilities where their contractors are engaged in construction or maintenance on a posted highway or in a location which can be reached only via a posted highway, and vehicles and combinations going to or coming from a residence or farm located on a posted highway or which can be reached only via a posted highway.

Motor vehicle—any vehicle or combination as defined and/or governed by the Vehicle Code, 75 Pa.C.S.A. §101 *et seq.*, as amended.

School bus—a motor vehicle designated for carrying more than 10 passengers, exclusive of the driver, and used for the transportation of school children.

(*Ord. 39B, 2/12/2009, §3*)

§15-204. Findings of the Board of Supervisors of Thornhurst Township.

The Board of Supervisors has determined and hereby determines based upon engineering studies conducted at the behest of the Supervisors that the following roads,

including bridges, may be damaged or destroyed unless the permissible weight of motor vehicles is restricted to the weight limits listed.

Route Numbers	Street Name	Between	Weight Limit (Ton)
	Pine Grove Road	River Road and Bear Lake Road	10 tons

(Ord. 39B, 2/12/2009, §4)

§15-205. Vehicle Weight Limits Established.

1. Pursuant to the findings under §15-204, above, and by authority of §4902 of the Vehicle Code, 75 Pa.C.S.A. §4902, and regulations promulgated thereunder, no motor vehicle or combination shall be operated upon any of the roads listed in §15-204 with gross weight in excess of the weight limits listed for said road in §15-204.

2. Local traffic as defined herein shall be exempted from the restrictions imposed under subsection .1 above. However, if the Board of Supervisors determines that any local traffic is likely to damage the road, the Board of Supervisors will so notify the registrants of the motor vehicle or combination and will also notify State Police. After 2 business days following delivery of the notice, or after 5 days following mailing of the notice, such local traffic vehicles shall not exceed the weight limits except in accordance with §15-207 hereof.

(Ord. 39B, 2/12/2009, §5)

§15-206. Permits and Security.

The Board of Supervisors of Thornhurst Township, or some designate thereof, may issue permits for the movement of motor vehicles or combinations with weights in excess of the restrictions imposed under §15-204, above, and may require such undertaking or security as they deem necessary to cover the costs of anticipated or probable repairs and restoration necessitated by the permitted movement of vehicles. All actions taken under the authority of this Section shall be taken in accordance with the rules and regulations adopted by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Transportation, as found in Title 67 of the Pennsylvania Code.

(Ord. 39B, 2/12/2009, §4)

§15-207. Erection of Signs.

The Township shall erect or cause to be erected and maintained restriction signs designating the restrictions at the end of the portion of road restricted as provided in this Part. In the case of a restriction on a road which has not begun or ended at an intersection with an unrestricted highway, the Township shall also place an advance informational sign at the intersection nearest each end of the restricted portion of the road which would allow drivers to avoid the restricted portion of road.

(Ord. 39B, 2/12/2009, §7)

§15-208. Penalties for Violation.

Any person operating a motor vehicle or combination upon a road or bridge in violation of a prohibition or restriction imposed under §15-204 is guilty of a summary

offense and shall, upon conviction, be sentenced to pay a fine of \$75, except that any person convicted of operating a vehicle with a gross weight in excess of a posted weight shall, upon conviction, be sentenced to pay a fine of \$150 plus \$150 for each 500 pounds, or part thereof, in excess of 3,000 pounds over the maximum allowable weight.

(Ord. 39B, 2/12/2009, §8)

