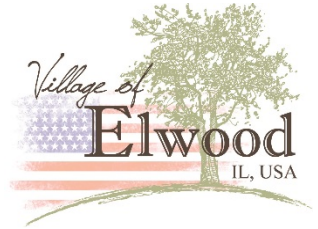


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Overweight Truck Permits



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Elwood Announces “Ordinance 1070 Wheel and Axel Load Prohibitions”

Elwood, Illinois – On May 17, 2017 the Village of Elwood adopted the Illinois Vehicle Code section pertaining to Establishing Wheel and Axel Load Prohibitions by Village Ordinance 1070 and requiring overweight permits. Previously, the Village of Elwood's overweight permit ordinance prohibited trucks weighing more than 80,000 pounds on a gross weight basis from passing on the Village's designated truck routes without a permit. The Village determined it was only capturing some of the activities that are causing damage to the Village's streets.

Indeed, as reflected by the Federal Bridge Gross Weight Formula (adopted at Illinois Vehicle Code 625 ILCS 5/15-111), arguably a truck with only 2 axels with 4 feet between axels weighing 34,000 pounds or more will cause much more damage than a 57-foot truck with 5 axels weighing 80,000 pounds, as the weight in the former case is highly concentrated on a smaller area. The permit fees for operating a truck over the wheel and axel load will not be increased and shall remain the same as a regular overweight permit at \$72.00 (Daily), \$180.00 (Weekly), \$588.00 (Monthly).

Please visit www.voeow.com for more information on how to obtain a permit and a copy of Village Ordinance 1070.

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