

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-04

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF STOCKTON
REDUCING THE WEIGHT LIMIT FOR VEHICLES ON BRIDGE
STREET BETWEEN STATE ROUTE 29 AND CENTRE BRIDGE
TO PENNSYLVANIA**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stockton recently requested that the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) investigate the current commercial weight limit of 33,000 pounds on Bridge Street in the Borough of Stockton, in light of the 5-ton restriction on Centre Bridge to Pennsylvania (which connects Bridge Street to Pennsylvania); and

WHEREAS, NJDOT's Division of Traffic Engineering (Division) completed its investigation of the current weight limit on Bridge Street and factors surrounding it, and by letter dated January 23, 2026, notified the Borough that its findings support the Borough's request to reduce the current weight restriction on Bridge Street to align with the 5-ton limit of the Centre Bridge to Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, the Division further determined that this adjustment to the weight limit aligns with requests from Borough officials and enhances traffic safety on Centre Bridge as well; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 39:4-197(1)b., the Borough is authorized to limit the use of streets in the Borough to certain class of vehicles with the Commissioner of Transportation's approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stockton in Hunterdon County, New Jersey as follows:

Section 1. Weight Limit – Bridge Street (Between Route 29 and Center Bridge to Pennsylvania). The weight limitation for vehicles on Bridge Street in the Borough of

Stockton between Route 29 and Centre Bridge to Pennsylvania is hereby amended as follows:

Within the jurisdiction of the Borough of Stockton, vehicles having a total combined weight of vehicle plus load more than 5 tons are hereby excluded along Bridge Street between Route 29 and Centre Bridge to Pennsylvania except for the pick-up and delivery of materials or when permitted by applicable regulations and laws.

Section 2. Severability. Each section, subsection, sentence, clause, and phrase of this ordinance is declared to be an independent section, subsection, sentence, clause, and phrase, and finding or holding of any such portion of this ordinance to be unconstitutional, void, or ineffective for any cause or reason shall not affect any other portion of this ordinance.

Section 3. Repealer. All ordinances or parts thereof inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 4. Submission to Commissioner of Transportation. Upon adoption, a certified copy of this ordinance with raised seal, along with a statement of concurrence from the Borough Engineer, shall be filed with the Commissioner of Transportation, and to the following addressee:

Jaime M. Oplinger
Director of Traffic Engineering
New Jersey Department of Transportation
1035 Parkway Avenue
PO Box 600
Trenton, NJ 08625

Section 5. Effective Date. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption and publication as required by law and also upon approval of the Commissioner of Transportation.

ATTEST:

Laurie Courter, Borough Clerk



Aaron Lipsen, Mayor

Introduced: March 16, 2026

Adopted: March 26, 2026

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