CONEWAGO TOWNSHIP
ADAMS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-A

AN ORDINANCE OF CONEWAGO TOWNSHIP, ADAMS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 145, "VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC" OF THE CONEWAGO TOWNSHIP CODE TO PROHIBIT VEHICLES IN EXCESS OF A GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT REGISTERED OF 13,000 POUNDS FROM TRAVELLING ON MADISON STREET, TO PROHIBIT PARKING ON BOTH SIDES OF S. JEFFERSON STREET FROM POPLAR STREET TO THIRD STREET, AND TO PROHIBIT PARKING ON BOTH SIDES OF OXFORD AVENUE FROM KINDIG LANE TO EDGEGROVE ROAD

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the Conewago Township, Adams County (the "Township") is charged with the general governance of the Township to, among other things, secure the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the Township and may adopt ordinances, rules, and regulations necessary therefore pursuant to Sections 506 and 607 of the Second Class Township Code, 53 P.S. §§ 65101 *et seq.*, that are not inconsistent with or restrained by the Constitution and the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, the Township is a Local Authority under the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code (75 Pa C.S.A § 101, et. seq.), having certain roads or highways under its jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, Section 6109(a)(7) of the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code, 75 Pa. C.S.A. § 6109 (a)(7), authorizes the Township to impose motor vehicle size and weight restrictions and to prohibit the operation of such vehicles upon highways and bridges under the jurisdiction of the Township when it is determined hazardous traffic conditions or other safety factors require such a prohibition or restriction; and

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania Department of Transportation ("PennDOT") regulations, 67 Pa. Code § 212.117, provide specific conditions that warrant prohibitions or restrictions of traffic on highways or roadways based on the weight of vehicle or kinds or class of vehicles, on the basis of an engineering evaluation; and

WHEREAS, the Conewago Township Code (the "Township Code"), Chapter 145, "Vehicles and Traffic," Article II, "Vehicles and Traffic," Section 145-12 prescribes certain locations throughout the Township where vehicles in excess of a gross vehicle weight registered of 13,000 pounds are prohibited; and

WHEREAS, the Township's engineer performed a truck restriction study along Madison Street which concluded that the highway pavement or shoulders at Madison Street have inadequate structural capacity or have been weakened due to deterioration, high traffic volumes or climatic condition, and may be seriously damaged unless a restriction is imposed; and

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WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has determined that it is in the interest of the health, safety, and general welfare of the residents and visitors of the Township to prohibit the operation of vehicles or tractors exceeding 13,000 pounds on Madison Street; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors therefore desires to amend the Township Code, Chapter 145, Article II, to promote health, safety, and welfare in the Township by establishing that vehicles or tractors in excess of a gross vehicle weight registered of 13,000 pounds are prohibited to travel on Madison Street; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with PennDOT regulations, 67 Pa. Code § 212.117(e), the Township will erect official signs within the legal right of way in such a position as to face traffic approaching the street with the weight restriction; and

WHEREAS, additionally, pursuant to 53 P.S. § 67328 of the Second Class Township Code, the Board of Supervisors may adopt and amend ordinances from time to time that regulate parking to promote the convenience and protection of the public; and

WHEREAS, traffic and parking regulations have been held to be a valid exercise of police powers in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, the Township Code, Chapter 145, "Vehicles and Traffic," Article III, "Parking Regulations," Section 145-17 prescribes certain locations throughout the Township in which parking is prohibited at all times; and

WHEREAS, the Township has conducted a traffic study evaluating potential locations for additional parking restrictions; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board of Supervisors desires to further amend the Township's Chapter 145, Article III, parking regulations to further promote health, safety, and welfare in the Township by establishing no parking areas on S. Jefferson Street and Oxford Avenue in the Township.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the Board of Supervisors of Conewago Township, Adams County, Pennsylvania, as follows:

SECTION 1. Amendments to Section 145-12. Chapter 145, "Vehicles and Traffic," Article II, "Traffic Regulations," Section 145-12, "Vehicle class restrictions," of the Township Code is hereby amended in the following respects:

A. Subsection "A" is amended to incorporate the following additional location where it shall be unlawful to operate any vehicle or tractor in excess of a gross vehicle weight registered of 13,000 pounds

Name of Street	Location
Madison Street	Entire Length

SECTION 2. Amendments to Section 145-17. Chapter 145, "Vehicles and Traffic," Article III, "Parking Regulations," Section 145-17, "Parking prohibited at all times in certain locations," of the Township Code is hereby amended in the following respects:

A. Subsection "A" is amended to incorporate the following locations where parking shall be prohibited at all times:

Name of Street	Side	Location
S. Jefferson Street	Both	From Poplar Street to Third Street
Oxford Avenue	Both	From Kindig Lane to Edgegrove Road

SECTION 3. Repealer. All ordinances or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance, including the previously adopted Chapter 145, "Vehicles and Traffic," are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. Severability. The provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable. If any provision of this Ordinance is declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such determination shall have no effect on the remaining provision of this Ordinance.

SECTION 5. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be effective immediately following its legal enactment.

DULY ENACTED AND ORDAINED this 16th day of March, 2026, by the Board of Supervisors of Conewago Township, Adams County, Pennsylvania.

ATTEST:

Tamara Bittle, Secretary

CONEWAGO TOWNSHIP

By: Charlotte A. Shaffer, Chair