Town of Swanzey - Highway Regulation
Covered Bridges

The Town of Swanzey has a right and an obligation to protect its covered bridges regulating their use by the public in a manner that preserves these river crossings for future generations. To do so, the following highway regulations establishing conditions, restrictions and enforcement provisions are hereby adopted on May 25, 2010 by the Board of Selectmen pursuant to the authority provided by RSA including 41:11.

Passenger Cars. For the purpose of this regulation, the term "passenger cars" shall mean any vehicle legally authorized to operate on public highways with a gross vehicle weight (GVW) of3 tons or less when loaded including motorcycles, cars, pick ups and other light trucks.

Nothing in Tow. For the purpose this regulation the term "nothing in tow" shall preclude travel over the bridge by a passenger car (as herein defined) with anything in tow regardless of weight or height, including but not limited to flat bed trailers, box trailers, camping trailers, equipment such as chippers and tree spades or other types of equipment that may be towed.

Weight, Height and other Vehicular Restrictions
The follow vehicle restrictions are established for the below listed covered bridges owned and maintained by the Town of Swanzey:

Carlton Covered Bridge
Weight Limit: 3 tons Height Limit: 9' 4"
Passenger Cars Only
Nothing in Tow
One Lane Bridge

Cresson Covered Bridge
Weight Limit: 3 tons Height Limit: 7' 2"
Passenger Cars Only
Nothing in Tow
One Lane Bridge

Slate Covered Bridge
Weight Limit: 15 tons Height Limit: 13' 9"
One Lane Bridge

Thompson Covered Bridge
Weight Limit: 3 tons Height Limit: 8' 3"
Passenger Cars Only
Nothing in Tow
One Lane Bridge

Enforcement & Penalties

Weight Limit (Restriction)

This section shall be enforced by the Swanzey Police Department and other authorized law enforcement agencies. Any person who operates or attempts to operate any vehicle on such bridge when the weight of the load inclusive of the vehicle exceeds such posted load limit (without permit as provided by RSA 234:40), or who operates or attempts to operate any vehicle on such bridge in violation of such conditions or regulations shall be fined not more than $100 (one hundred dollars) RSA 234:41.

Height Restriction

This section shall be enforced by the Swanzey Police Department and other authorized law enforcement agencies. Any person who operates or attempts to operate a vehicle in excess of the posted height restriction shall be penalized by a fine of $100 (one hundred dollars).

Nothing in Tow

This section shall be enforced by the Swanzey Police Department and other authorized law enforcement agencies. Any person who operates or attempts to operate a vehicle where there are signs restricting the passage of vehicles with items in tow (marked Nothing in Tow) will result in the operator of the vehicle being penalized by a fine of$50 (fifty dollars) for the first offense. For subsequent offenses the operator shall be penalized by a fine of$100 (one hundred dollars).

Signed:

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Board of Selectmen

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