ORDINANCE #IV.3

AN ORDINANCE TO RESTRICT COMMERCIAL VEHICLE WEIGHTS ON CERTAIN TAMA COUNTY SECONDARY ROADS

Be It Enacted by the Board of Supervisors of Tama County, Iowa:

SECTION 1. <u>Purpose</u>. To prohibit the operation of or restrict the weight of vehicles to be operated on the roads or highways under the jurisdiction of the Tama County Board of Supervisors, except implements of husbandry as defined in Section 321.1, subsection 16, of the Code of Iowa and implements of husbandry loaded on hauling units for transporting such implements to locations for repair or delivery.

SECTION 2. <u>Procedure</u>. When the Tama County Board of Supervisors determines, based on the recommendation of the Tama County Engineer, that in order to protect and preserve the rights, privileges and property of the county or of its residents, and to improve the peace, safety, health, welfare, comfort and convenience of its residents, the movement and or weight of vehicles to be operated on roads or highways under the jurisdiction of the Tama County Board of Supervisors should be restricted, the Tama County Board of Supervisors shall, by resolution, describe the road segment(s) affected by such restriction and include it (them) in this section as follows:

<u>Road</u> <u>From</u> <u>To</u> <u>Restriction</u> <u>Date</u>

SECTION 3. <u>Signing</u>. Regulatory signing appropriate to the specific road segments designated in Section 2 above, shall be selected by the Tama County Engineer and shall be erected and maintained by the Tama County Secondary Road Department and such restriction shall be in effect when such signing is in place.

SECTION 4. <u>Special Permits</u>. The Tama County Engineer may issue special permits, to permit limited operation of vehicles upon specified routes with load in excess of any restrictions imposed under this ordinance, but not in excess of load restrictions imposed by any other Tama County ordinance or provision of Iowa Law, and the Tama County Engineer shall issue the permits upon a showing that there is a need to move to market farm produce of the type subject to rapid spoilage or loss of value or to move any farm feeds or fuel for home heating purposes.

SECTION 5. <u>Penalty</u>. A person who violates the provisions of this ordinance shall, upon conviction or a plea of guilty, be subject to a penalty of imprisonment not to exceed thirty days, or a fine not to exceed one hundred dollars.

Re-codified March 1, 2005

SECTION 6. Repealer: All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 7. <u>Severability Clause</u>. If any section, provision or part of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any section, provision or part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 8. When Effective. This ordinance shall be effective after its final passage, approval and publication as provided by law.