

## **Notice:**

### **Permanent Road Weight Restriction on Through Trucks**

**Location:** Rice Rips Road, Oakland Maine.

**Weight Limit:** No Through Trucks over 26,000 lbs GVW.

**Exemptions:**

1. Any two-axle vehicle while delivering home heating fuel.
2. Any vehicle while engaged in highway maintenance or repair under the direction of the State or Town.
3. Any emergency vehicle (such as firefighting apparatus or ambulances) while responding to an emergency.
4. Any School transportation vehicle.
5. Any public utility vehicle while providing emergency service or repairs.
6. Vehicles engaged in farming or agricultural work.
7. Any vehicle whose owner or operator holds a valid permit from the Town of Oakland.

**Permits:**

The owner or operator of any vehicle not otherwise exempt as provided herein may apply in writing to the Municipal Officers and/or Road Commissioner for a permit to operate on a posted way or bridge notwithstanding the restriction. The Municipal Officers or Road Commissioner may issue a permit only upon all of the following findings:

1. No other route is reasonably available to the applicant.
2. It is a matter of economic necessity and not mere convenience that the applicants use the way or bridge.
3. The applicant, if required, has tendered cash, a bond or other suitable security running to the Town in an amount sufficient, in their judgment, to repair any damage to the way or bridge which may reasonably result from the applicant's use of same.

**Summary:**

The purpose of this weight restriction on the Rice Rips Road is to prevent damage which may be caused by vehicles of excessive weight, to lessen safety hazards and the risk of injury to passenger cars, runners and walkers, to extend the life expectancy and to reduce the public expense of maintenance and repair.

