

**BOROUGH OF MENDHAM**  
MORRIS COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

**RESOLUTION #092-2024**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MENDHAM, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, COUNTY OF MORRIS, OPPOSING ANY INCREASES IN ROADWAY TRUCK SIZE OR WEIGHT AT THE FEDERAL OR STATE LEVELS**

**WHEREAS**, The Borough of Mendham Mayor and Council is concerned with the welfare of residents, pedestrians and motorists and the cost, quality, and reliability of our borough's infrastructure; and

**WHEREAS**, Heavier trucks across the National Highway System would further endanger motorists and the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) concluded that 91,000 pound trucks have an 47% higher crash rate; and

**WHEREAS**, allowing heavier or longer trucks on the National Highway System would threaten the safety of the traveling public because heavier and longer trucks would be more difficult to control, increase wear and tear on truck safety systems such as brakes, steering and tires, and increase crash severity;

**WHEREAS**, New Jersey has **5,054 bridges** that are rated as in either poor or "just fair" condition, or 74 % percent of all bridges statewide, according to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA); and

**WHEREAS**, the *American Society of Civil Engineers* concluded in 2019 that it would cost \$420 billion to repair the backlog of rehabilitation on our nation's roads and another \$123 billion on our bridges; and

**WHEREAS**, local and municipal governments already have difficulty maintaining public works budgets and have limited capacity to raise revenue through fees and taxes; and

**WHEREAS**, government highway cost allocation studies show that increases in truck size and weight would exacerbate the existing underpayment of heavy trucks and increase their subsidization by municipalities and counties, amounting to an unfunded mandate, and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that The Borough of Mendham Mayor and Council opposes any increases in truck size or weight at the federal or state levels and encourages our elected delegation to oppose related legislation.

This Resolution shall take effect

immediately. Dated May 20, 2024

ATTEST

BOROUGH OF MENDHAM

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Lauren McBride, Borough Clerk  
Mayor

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Christine Serrano Glassner,