

1 Sponsored by: Councilmembers Joyce McDonald, Stan Flemming and Rick Talbert
2 Requested by: Executive/Public Works and Utilities
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6 **ORDINANCE NO. 2014-22**

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9 **An Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Prohibiting the Use of the**
10 **Milroy Bridge (No. 18204-A) by Vehicles Towing Trailers in**
11 **Excess of 28 Feet in Length; and Directing that Appropriate**
12 **Signage be Erected.**
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14 **Whereas**, the Milroy Bridge over the Puyallup River at 66th Avenue East was
15 built in 1931; and
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17 **Whereas**, the bridge is functionally obsolete and does not meet current
18 standards for road width and turning radii to North Levee Road East and River Road;
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21 **Whereas**, growth in the City of Fife and Pierce County have led to increased
22 traffic over and around the bridge, and the bridge's narrow lanes make it difficult for
23 tractor trailer trucks to use the bridge without using lanes designated for opposing
24 traffic; and
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26 **Whereas**, tractor trailer trucks sometimes start a turn onto or off of the bridge
27 and cannot complete the maneuver until smaller vehicles back up, and during peak
28 periods, a single tractor trailer truck can cause traffic delays extending through several
29 cycles of the traffic signal at 66th Avenue East and River Road; and
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31 **Whereas**, the Fife City Council adopted Resolution No. 1577 on December 10,
32 2013, requesting the Pierce County Council to close the Milroy Bridge to Tractor Trailer
33 Trucks; and
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35 **Whereas**, the County Engineer has studied vehicular turning movements to the
36 bridge and has determined that the geometry of the intersections at the approaches to
37 the bridge are not sufficient for vehicles towing trailers in excess of 28 feet in length to
38 turn onto the bridge without encroaching into the lanes of oncoming traffic; and
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40 **Whereas**, the County Engineer has recommended that the Milroy Bridge be
41 closed to vehicles towing trailers in excess of 28 feet in length; and
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43 **Whereas**, Chapter 47.48, Revised Code of Washington (RCW), authorizes a
44 county legislative authority to close or restrict use of a county road to all vehicles, or any
45 class of vehicles, for any period of time, if it is determined that such use will greatly
46 damage the county road or will be dangerous to traffic; and
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1 **Whereas**, RCW 36.75.270 also authorizes county legislative bodies to limit or
2 prohibit classes or types of vehicles on any county road or bridge and to limit the weight
3 of vehicles which may travel thereon; **Now Therefore**,

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5 **BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of Pierce County:**

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7 Section 1. The use of the Milroy Bridge (No. 18204-A) by vehicles towing trailers
8 in excess of 28 feet in length shall be prohibited.

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10 Section 2. The bridge use restriction established pursuant to Section 1 above,
11 shall be effective as of the effective date of this Ordinance and shall remain in effect
12 until such time as the Milroy Bridge (No. 18204-A) has been replaced or rehabilitated.

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14 Section 3. The County Engineer is directed to erect appropriate signage
15 restricting vehicular use of the Milroy Bridge (No. 18204-A) consistent with the
16 prohibition set forth in Section 1. of this Ordinance.

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18 **PASSED this** 6th **day of** May, 2014.

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20 ATTEST:

21 **PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL**
22 Pierce County, Washington

23 Denise D. Johnson
24 **Denise D. Johnson**
25 Clerk of the Council

26 Dan Roach
27 **Dan Roach**
28 Council Chair

29 Pat McCarthy
30 **Pat McCarthy**
31 Pierce County Executive

32 Approved Vetoed _____, this
33 9 day of May,
34 2014.

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36 Date of Publication of
37 Notice of Public Hearing: April 9, 2014

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39 Effective Date of Ordinance: May 19, 2014
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