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Opposing increases in truck weights and lengths operating on local, County and State trunk highways within the City of Minneapolis.

Whereas, the City of Minneapolis is concerned for the health, welfare and safety of the City's residents and the conditions of its infrastructure; and

Whereas, the City of Minneapolis is concerned that attempts will be made at the federal and/or state level to increase the size, weight and allowable number of trailers beyond the capacity of existing road infrastructure; and

Whereas, bigger and heavier trucks cause greater acceleration of the deterioration of the city's alleys, streets, roads and bridges putting further pressure on local tax payers to fund regional infrastructure; and

Whereas, the investments in our City, County, State and Federal road systems have not kept up with increased traffic levels, current funding for road and bridge maintenance across all government levels in the state is inadequate and investments by local governments have been curbed by cuts in local Government aide, municipal state aide, county state aide and a shrinking state truck highway fund; and

Whereas, the city, along with many of the municipal associations has a history of opposing increase in truck weights and strongly opposes all legislation that attempts to shift costs and liability of private businesses on to local governments and threatens local control of local roads;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by The City Council of The City of Minneapolis:

That the City of Minneapolis opposes legislation that increases truck weight and size beyond the capacity of our road systems and puts Minneapolis alleys, streets, roads and bridges at risk of increased damage or deterioration.