

LOCAL LAW NO. 7 OF 2026

A LOCAL LAW OF THE VILLAGE OF MENANDS ESTABLISHING A WEIGHT RESTRICTION ON SIMMONS LANE BETWEEN CANAL ROAD AND BROADWAY (NEW YORK STATE ROUTE 32)

BE IT ENACTED by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Menands, County of Albany, State of New York, as follows:

Article XVI WEIGHT RESTRICTION ON SIMMONS LANE BETWEEN CANAL ROAD AND BROADWAY
§ 160-113 LEGISLATIVE INTENT.

The Board of Trustees finds that Simmons Lane is a local village roadway not designed to accommodate regular heavy truck traffic. The operation of large commercial vehicles on Simmons Lane creates safety concerns for motorists, pedestrians, and bicyclists; contributes to roadway deterioration; and negatively impacts the quality of life of nearby residents and businesses. The purpose of this Local Law is to prohibit through truck traffic exceeding twenty-six thousand (26,000) pounds while preserving reasonable access for local deliveries, public services, and emergency operations.

§ 160-114 AUTHORITY.

This Local Law is adopted pursuant to the Municipal Home Rule Law, the Vehicle and Traffic Law of the State of New York, and all other applicable laws and regulations.

§ 160-115 WEIGHT RESTRICTION.

A. No person shall operate or cause to be operated any vehicle, combination of vehicles, truck, tractor, tractor-trailer, semi-trailer, or other commercial motor vehicle having a Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR), registered weight, or actual gross weight in excess of twenty-six thousand (26,000) pounds on Simmons Lane between its intersection with Canal Road and its intersection with Broadway (New York State Route 32).

B. The restriction established herein shall apply in both directions of travel.

C. For purposes of this Local Law, the highest of the vehicle's actual gross weight, registered weight, or manufacturer's Gross Vehicle Weight Rating shall govern.

§ 160-116 EXEMPTIONS.

The provisions of this Local Law shall not apply to:

1. Emergency vehicles while engaged in the performance of official duties;
2. Village, county, state, or federal government vehicles engaged in governmental operations;
3. Utility vehicles and vehicles engaged in public utility construction, maintenance, repair, or emergency service;
4. Vehicles engaged in construction, maintenance, repair, snow removal, or other work being performed within the restricted area;
5. Vehicles making local deliveries, pickups, or providing services to properties located on Simmons Lane or to destinations for which Simmons Lane is the most direct and reasonable access route;

6. School buses, refuse collection vehicles, and other vehicles providing essential public services within the restricted area.
7. Vehicles traveling to or from a business or property located on Simmons Lane for purposes of ingress and egress.

§ 160-117 TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES.

A. The Village shall install and maintain official traffic control devices and signage at or near the intersections of Simmons Lane with Canal Road and Broadway (New York State Route 32) advising motorists of the restrictions established herein.

B. Such signage shall substantially state:

"NO THRU TRUCKS OVER 26,000 LBS GVWR"

"LOCAL DELIVERIES EXCEPTED"

or equivalent language as approved by the New York State Department of Transportation and consistent with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD).

C. The restrictions established by this Local Law shall become enforceable upon the installation of the required signage.

§ 160-118 PENALTIES.

Any person violating any provision of this Local Law shall be guilty of a traffic infraction punishable by a fine not exceeding two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) for a first offense, five hundred dollars (\$500) for a subsequent offense within eighteen (18) months.

§ 160-119 SEVERABILITY.

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section, or part of this Local Law shall be adjudged invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the specific provision directly involved in the controversy.

§ 160-120 EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State of the State of New York in accordance with the Municipal Home Rule Law; provided, however, that enforcement shall commence only after the installation of the required traffic control signage described herein.