TOWN OF RHINEBECK
LOCAL LAW NO. __ OF THE YEAR 2026

A local law to amend the Town Code Chapter 113 entitled "Vehicles and Traffic" to add provisions regarding the exclusion of vehicles over certain weights over the entirety of White Schoolhouse Road.

BE IT ENACTED by the Town of Rhinebeck, as follows:

Section 1. Purpose:

The purpose of this Local Law is to preserve and protect public infrastructure, promote highway safety, reduce roadway damage, safeguard public funds, and regulate vehicle traffic in a manner consistent with the public health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the Town by amending the Town Code Chapter 113 entitled "Vehicles and Traffic" to add provisions regarding the exclusion of vehicles over certain weights for the entirety of White Schoolhouse Road. The Town Board finds that White Schoolhouse Road possesses structural and geometric limitations that make it unsuitable for regular use by vehicles exceeding the weight of twenty-five (25) tons, except for local deliveries only. A weight limit is necessary to limit the size of vehicles on White Schoolhouse Road due to the roadway pavement section's lack of structural capacity necessary to withstand repeated heavy-wheel loading without experiencing accelerated deterioration, premature failure, and increased maintenance requirements. In addition, the roadway's alignment, width, sight-distance limitations, and other geographic features create operational and safety concerns for large vehicles.

Section 2. Municipal Home Rule Law:

This Local Law is adopted pursuant to the provisions of the Municipal Home Rule Law § 10(1)(ii)(a)(1), which grants local governments the authority to enact local laws regarding the public health, safety, and welfare. To the extent the provisions of this Local Law are in conflict with State law, the Town Board hereby asserts its intention to supersede same pursuant to the Municipal Home Rule Law.

Section 3. Amendment of Town Code:

1. Chapter 113, Article III of the Town Code shall be amended to add a new subsection 113-17.1 as follows:

   § 113-7.1 Trucks over certain weights excluded.

   Trucks in excess of the weight indicated are hereby excluded from the streets or parts of streets described in Schedule XI (Article VI of this Chapter), attached to and made a part of this chapter, except for local deliveries on such streets.

2. Chapter 113, Article VI of the Town Code shall be amended to add a new Schedule XI as follows:

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Schedule XI: Trucks over certain weights excluded.

In accordance with the provisions of § 113-7.1, trucks in excess of the weights indicated are hereby excluded from the following streets or parts of streets, except for local deliveries on such streets:

Name of Street	Weight Limit (tons)	Location
White Schoolhouse Road	25	All

Section 4. Severability:

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, word, section or part of this local law shall be judged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional, illegal or invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, word, section or part thereof directly involved in the controversy in which judgment shall have been rendered.

Section 5. Effective Date:
This local law will take effect upon filing in the Office of the Secretary of State in Albany.

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