

VILLAGE OF HOMEWOOD



BOARD AGENDA MEMORANDUM

DATE OF MEETING: August 24, 2021

To: Jim Marino, Village Manager

From: Denise McGrath, Police Chief

Topic: Intergovernmental Agreement for Commercial Motor Vehicle Enforcement

PURPOSE

As neighboring communities, the Villages of Homewood and East Hazel Crest experience heavy truck traffic due to the proximity of railroad and truck terminals located within the boundaries of area municipalities. These trucks are often over the allowable weight for transit on the streets of Homewood and East Hazel Crest. East Hazel Crest is equipped with scales to determine the weight of the tractor trailers.

It is to the mutual advantage of Homewood and East Hazel Crest to have the truck traffic policed to ensure overweight vehicles are not damaging streets and roadways.

PROCESS

The Village of Homewood and East Hazel Crest desire to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement for the enforcement of the Illinois Vehicle Code directly related to Commercial Motor Vehicles. Article 7, Section 10 of the Constitution of the State of Illinois, authorizes units of local government to contract among themselves to combine any power or function not prohibited by law.

The purpose of this agreement is to allow trained and certified East Hazel Crest truck enforcement officers the authority to enforce the Illinois Vehicle Code on overweight commercial vehicles only on the following roadways within the Village of Homewood's jurisdiction:

- 175th St. from Halsted to Ashland
- 175th St. from Governors to Dixie Hwy.
- Halsted from 175th St. to 183rd St.
- Ridge from Halsted to Dixie Hwy.
- Dixie Hwy from Ridge to 175th St.
- Ashland Ave from 175th St. to Ridge Rd.

According to the agreement, Homewood will receive 50% of all fines assessed by the court of jurisdiction. The Village retains our ability to train and certify our own officers to perform truck weight enforcement with 100% of the fines being retained by the Village of Homewood. In order to do this on a regular basis, the Village would need to invest in either portable or stationary truck scales to weigh potential overweight vehicles. Officers would also need to complete the 40-hour Basic Truck Weight Enforcement Certification. This class is a truck safety course designed toward effective enforcement

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action to deter overweight, over dimension, and unsafe trucks from public streets. The East Hazel Crest Police Department is better equipped to perform truck weight enforcement because they have more trained officers and have their own scale. Partnering with them will not divert our resources, while providing an estimated \$50,000 annually of additional revenue from overweight truck fines.

OUTCOME

Enforcement of overweight trucks is beneficial to Homewood because it will improve the safety of commercial vehicles travelling to and through Homewood and reduce the wear and tear on local roadways, thus decreasing expenses for street repairs in the Village.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- **Funding Source:** No Financial Impact
- **Budgeted Amount:**
- **Cost:**

LEGAL REVIEW: Completed

RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTION

Pass a resolution authorizing the Village President to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Village of Homewood and the Village of East Hazel Crest for the enforcement of the Illinois Vehicle Code directly related to Commercial Motor Vehicles.

ATTACHMENT(S)

- Resolution
- Intergovernmental Agreement