

**WHEATLAND TOWNSHIP, WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

**ORDINANCE #25-04-O**

**ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ROAD DISTRICT TO PAY 50% OF  
THE HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S SALARY AS PERMITTED  
UNDER THE ILLINOIS HIGHWAY CODE (605 ILCS 5/6-207)**

**WHEREAS**, Wheatland Township, Will County, Illinois (the "Township"), is a duly organized unit of local government operating under the laws of the State of Illinois, including the Illinois Township Code and the Illinois Highway Code; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Wheatland Township Road District (the "Road District") is a separate taxing body governed by the Highway Commissioner and subject to the Illinois Highway Code; and,

**WHEREAS**, Section 6-207 of the Illinois Highway Code (605 ILCS 5/6-207) authorizes up to fifty percent (50%) of a highway commissioner's salary to be paid from the Corporate Road and Bridge Fund, the Permanent Road Fund, or both; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Township and the Road District seek to equitably allocate the cost of the Highway Commissioner's salary between the Township and Road District in accordance with this statutory authority; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Township and the Highway Commissioner agree that the Road District shall be responsible for fifty percent (50%) of the Highway Commissioner's salary, with the remaining fifty percent (50%) paid by the Township from general Township funds.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Supervisor and Board of Trustees of Wheatland Township, Will County, Illinois, and the Highway Commissioner of the Wheatland Township Road District, Will County, Illinois as follows:

**Section 1. Authority.** This ordinance is adopted pursuant to the Illinois Highway Code (605 ILCS 5/6-207) and Illinois Township Code.

**Section 2. Cost Sharing of Highway Commissioner's Salary.** Beginning with the 2025 – 2026 fiscal year beginning April 1, 2025, and continuing unless amended by future joint ordinance:

A. 50% of the Highway Commissioner's salary shall be paid by the Wheatland Township Road District from the Corporate Road and Bridge Fund, Permanent Road Fund, or both, as determined by the Road District and its budgetary needs.

B. The remaining 50% shall be paid by Wheatland Township from the General Town Fund.

**Section 3. Budget and Accounting.** Each party shall reflect its respective salary obligation in its annual budget and appropriation ordinance and shall coordinate as needed to ensure compliance with state law and appropriate fiscal oversight.

**Section 4. Term and Amendment.** This joint ordinance shall remain in effect until repealed or amended by mutual agreement of the Township Board of Trustees and the Highway Commissioner through a subsequent joint ordinance.

**Section 5. Severability.** If any provision of this ordinance is found to be invalid by a court of law, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section 6. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and approval by the Township Board of Trustees and the Highway Commissioner of the Wheatland Township Road District.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** this 12<sup>th</sup> day of June 2025.

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Supervisor Michael Crowner	_____	_____	_____
Trustee Mary Frances	_____	_____	_____
Trustee Matt Glowiak	_____	_____	_____
Trustee Jeff Klein	_____	_____	_____
Trustee Margaret Tyson	_____	_____	_____

Approved:

Attest:

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Supervisor Michael Crowner

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Clerk Terry Jones

**WHEATLAND TOWNSHIP ROAD DISTRICT**

I, the undersigned Highway Commissioner of Wheatland Township, do hereby approve the provisions of this joint ordinance and agree to its implementation and fiscal terms.

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Highway Commissioner Harry Benton  
Wheatland Township Road District

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Date