

TITLE IV: COUNTY ROADS

CHAPTER I.

AREA SERVICE SYSTEM B ROAD CLASSIFICATION

SECTION 1. PURPOSE.

The purpose of this ordinance is to classify certain roads on the area service system in Muscatine County to provide for a reduced level of maintenance.

SECTION 2. DEFINITIONS.

For use in this ordinance, certain terms or words herein shall be interpreted or defined as follows:

1. "Area Service System" includes those public roads outside of municipalities not otherwise classified.
 - a. "Area Service System A" roads shall be maintained in conformance with applicable state statutes.
 - b. "Area Service System B" roads shall not require standards of maintenance equal to trunk, trunk collector, or area service system A roads. Area Service System B roads shall not mean what is construed in the normal sense as a driveway or a private lane to a farm building or dwelling.
2. "Board" shall mean the Board of Supervisors of Muscatine County.
3. "Engineer" shall mean the County Engineer of Muscatine County.

SECTION 3. POWERS OF THE BOARD.

All jurisdiction and control over Area Service System B roads as provided by this ordinance shall rest with the Board of Supervisors of Muscatine County.

SECTION 4. AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH.

The Board of Supervisors of Muscatine County is empowered under authority of Chapter 309 of the 1981 Code of Iowa as amended by Acts of the Sixty-ninth General Assembly, 1981 Regular Session, House File 786 to classify secondary roads on the area system to provide for a reduced level of maintenance on roads so designated. The Board shall, by resolution, declare its intention to establish an area service system B road in Muscatine County after consultation with the County Engineer.

SECTION 5. NOTICE OF HEARING.

The Board shall fix a time and place for a hearing and cause notice to be published as provided by law. The notice shall set forth the termini of the area service system B road as set out in the resolution of the Board, and shall state that all persons interested may appear and be heard at such hearing.

SECTION 6. HEARING-AREA SERVICE SYSTEM B ROAD ESTABLISHED BY RESOLUTION.

On the day fixed for the hearing or any day to which the hearing has been adjourned, upon proof to its satisfaction made by affidavit of due publication and posting of the notice of hearing, the Board shall consider any and all relevant evidence and if the Board finds that the proposed Area Service System B road is practicable, it may establish it by proper resolution.

SECTION 7. MAINTENANCE POLICY.

Only the minimum effort, expense, and attention will be provided to keep area service system B roads open to traffic. Bridges may not be maintained to carry legal loads but will be posted as appropriate to advise of any load limitations. For the various maintenance activities, the minimum maintenance on Area Service Level B roads will be as follows:

1. Blading - Blading or dragging will not be performed on a regular basis.
2. Snow and Ice Removal - Snow and ice will not be removed nor will the road surface be sanded or salted.
3. Signing - Except for load limit, posting for bridges signing shall not be continued or provided. All Area Service Level B roads shall be identified with a sign at all points of access to warn the public of the lower level of maintenance.
4. Weeds, Brush and Trees - Mowing or spraying weeds, cutting brush, and tree removal will not be performed. Adequate sight distances will not be maintained.
5. Structures - Bridges and culverts may not be maintained to carry legal loads. Upon failure or loss, the replacement structure will be appropriate for the traffic thereon.
6. Road Surfacing - There will be no surfacing materials applied to area service system B roads.
7. Shoulders - Shoulders will not be maintained.
8. Crown - A crown will not be maintained.
9. Repairs – There will be no road repair on a regular basis.
10. Uniform Width – Uniform width for the traveled portion of the road will not be maintained.
11. Inspections – Regular inspections will not be conducted.

SECTION 8. EXEMPTION FROM LIABILITY.

As provided in House File 786, Acts of the 69th General Assembly, 1981 session, the County and officers, agents, and employees of the County are not liable for injury to any person or for damage to any vehicle or equipment, which occurs proximately as a result of the maintenance of a road which is classified as Area Service System B, if the road has been maintained as provided in Section 7 of this ordinance.