

CHAPTER 8 - REDUCED MAINTENANCE ROADS

8.1.1 Definitions

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

- a.** Area Service System: Area Service System includes those public roads outside of municipalities not otherwise classified.
 - (1)** Area Service Level A System: Area Service Level A System roads shall be maintained in conformance with applicable State statutes.
 - (2)** Area Service Level B System: Area Service Level B System roads shall not require standards of maintenance equal to Trunk, Trunk Collector, or Area Service Level A System roads. Area Service Level B System roads shall not mean what is construed in the normal sense as a driveway or a private lane to a farm building or dwelling.
- b.** Board: Board shall mean the Board of Supervisors of Mills County.
- c.** Engineer: Engineer shall mean the County Engineer of Mills County.

8.1.2 Powers of the Board

All jurisdiction and control over Area Service Level B System roads, as provided by this Ordinance, shall rest with the Board of Supervisors of Mills County.

8.1.3 Authority to Establish

The Board of Supervisors of Mills County is empowered under authority of Iowa Code Chapter 309.57, as amended, to classify secondary roads on the Area Service Level B System to provide for a reduced level of maintenance on roads so designated.

8.1.4 Area Service Level B System Designation

The Board, after consultation with the Engineer, shall, by Resolution, establish the location of the roads classified as Area Service Level B System roads.

8.1.5 Maintenance Policy

Only minimal effort, expense and attention will be provided to Area Service Level B System roads. Bridges on Area Service Level B roads may not be maintained to carry legal loads but will be posted as appropriate to advise of any load of limitation. For the

various maintenance activities, the level of maintenance on Area Service Level B System roads will be as follows:

a. Blading

Blading or dragging will be performed on an irregular basis after gravel surface roads have been bladed satisfactorily.

b. Snow and Ice Removal

Limited snow and ice removal will be performed only in emergency situations. Such removal may include only that portion of the road needed for emergency access in one direction. Sanding and salting will not be performed.

c. Signing

All Area Service Level B roads shall be identified with signs at all points of access to warn the public of the lower level of maintenance. Except for load limit posting for bridges and existing stop signs, signing shall not be continued or provided.

d. Weeds, Brush and Trees

Mowing or spraying weeds, cutting brush, and tree removal will be performed on a limited basis. Sight distance and clear view of signs may not be maintained.

e. Structures

Bridges and culverts may not be maintained to carry legal loads. Upon failure or loss, replacement will be appropriate for the traffic thereon.

f. Road Surfacing

There will be no surfacing materials applied to Area Service Level B System roads.

g. Shoulders and Ditches

Shoulders and ditches may be minimally maintained during blading operations.

h. Crown

An irregular or minimal crown will be developed during blading operations.

i. Uniform Width

The width of the traveled portion of the road may vary.

j. Inspections

Inspections will be conducted irregularly.

8.1.6 Exemption from Liability

As provided in Iowa Code Chapter 309.57, as amended, the County and officers, agents, and employees of the County are not liable for injury to any person for damage to any vehicle or equipment, which occurs as a result of the maintenance of a road which is classified as Area Service Level B, if the road has been maintained as provided in Section 8.1.5 of this Ordinance.

8.1.7 Administration

The Engineer shall maintain an accurate record of all segments of roads classified by the Board as Area Service Level B and shall cause the necessary signs to be erected at every public road access on those roads so classified.