

TITLE II – TRANSPORTATION

CHAPTER 10

ROAD CLASSIFICATION / AREA SERVICE SYSTEM

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

10.02 DEFINITIONS. For use in this chapter, certain terms or words used herein are 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.

10.03 POWERS OF THE BOARD. All jurisdiction and control over Area Service System B roads as provided by this chapter shall rest with the Board of Supervisors.

10.04 AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH. The Board is empowered under authority of Chapter 309.57 of the Code of Iowa to classify secondary roads on the Area Service System to provide for a reduced level of maintenance of roads so designated. The Board shall, by resolution, declare its intention to establish an Area Service System B road in the County after consultation with the County Engineer.

10.05 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 termination 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.

10.06 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 an 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.

10.07 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 System 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 removal will not be performed on a regular basis. Sanding and salting will not be performed on a regular basis.
3. Signing. Except for load limit, posting for bridges signing shall not be continued or provided. All Area Service System 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 on a regular basis. Adequate sight distances will not be maintained on a regular basis.
5. Structures. Bridges and culverts may not be maintained on a regular basis to carry legal loads. Upon failure or loss, the replacement structure will be for the traffic thereon.
6. Road Surfacing. There will be no surfacing materials applied to Area Service System B roads on a regular basis.

7. Shoulders. Shoulders will not be maintained.
1. Crown. A crown will not be maintained.
2. Repairs. There will be no road repairs on a regular basis.
3. Uniform Width. Uniform width for the traveled portion of the road will not be maintained.
4. Inspections. Regular inspections will not be conducted.

10.08 EXEMPTION FROM LIABILITY. As provided in Chapter 309.57 of the Code of Iowa, 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 10.07 of this chapter.