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AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH THE POLICY AND LEVEL OF SERVICE IN RESPECT TO CLEARANCE OF SNOW OR ICE AND THE MAINTENANCE OF JASPER COUNTY'S SECONDARY ROADS DURING THE WINTER MONTHS.

JASPER COUNTY AUDITOR

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BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF JASPER COUNTY, IOWA:

SECTION 1--PURPOSE

The purpose of this ordinance is to establish Jasper County's policy and level of service in respect to clearance of snow or ice and the maintenance of it's secondary road system during the winter months, as provided in HF 2487, Section 10(2), Acts of the 63rd G.A., Second Session, and pursuant to the provisions of Section 309.67, Code of Iowa. This policy and level of service are to be implemented within the amount of money budgeted for this service, and as contained in Jasper County's secondary road budget, as adopted by the Jasper County Board of Supervisors and as submitted to and approved by the Iowa Department of Transportation.

SECTION 2--LEVEL OF SERVICE

Clearance of snow or ice and the maintenance of the secondary road system during the winter months is primarily for the benefit of the local residents of Jasper County. Each storm has individual characteristics and must be dealt with accordingly. The portion of the road surface improved for travel may have upon it snow or ice in a compacted condition. These conditions may be continuous, or they

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may be more concentrated on hills or curves, in valleys, and/or at intersections. Jasper County's existing snow removal equipment will be utilized for the correction of these problems. All clearance of snow or ice, sanding, salting, and other maintenance, in respect to winter conditions, shall be accomplished within the amount of money budgeted for this service. The entire surfaced width of that portion of road improved for travel may not be cleared of snow, ice, compacted snow and ice, or frost. Snow cleared from that part of the roadway surface improved for travel shall be placed on the adjacent shoulders, or in the adjacent ditches or right of way. Snow can be expected to accumulate adjacent to the travelled portion to the extent that a motorist's sight distance to both the left and right may be greatly reduced or impaired. The snow removed from intersections will be piled in the intersection corners in piles of unequal height. The line of sight, sight distance, or visibility of motorists approaching these intersections may be greatly reduced or impaired. Jasper County shall not be responsible for snow pushed or otherwise placed on the roadway or shoulders by others. Motorists shall drive their vehicles, during these conditions, with additional caution and watchfulness, especially in respect to the surface of the roadway, and the reduced or impaired visibility, and are advised to reduce their speed at least 25 miles per hour below that legally permitted or advised under normal conditions. In respect to roadways that have only one lane open, further extreme watchfulness and caution must be exercised by the motorists and their speed should not exceed 10 miles per hour. During these conditions, no additional warning or regulatory signs will be placed to warn of impaired sight distances, reduced visibility at intersections, road blockages, one lane conditions, or that the road surface is slick or slippery, or what the advised speed should be.

SECTION 3--SEQUENCE OF SERVICE

In the implementation of snow and ice removal and other maintenance of Jasper County's secondary road system during the winter months, the County Engineer shall select the actual sequence of roads to be cleared, as provided for in this Section of this Ordinance, and shall determine when drifting snow, wind velocity, and additional snow or snowstorms require that the snow removal equipment be removed from the roadway, or that additional clearance of paved routes be accomplished prior to the clearance of granular surfaced roads. The County Engineer's professional judgment shall prevail unless it is clearly erroneous.

PAVED ROUTES:

1. The initial effort will be to get all routes open to one lane traffic, as soon as possible following the storm, but in accord with the following Item No. 3.
2. After one lane travel is possible, subsequent snow removal will be carried on during normal working hours.
3. The truck-mounted snow plows and spreaders will not normally be in operation between the hours of 4:00 P.M. and 4:30 A.M. The trucks may be called off the road if snow and blowing reduces visibility to hazardous working conditions, in the professional judgment of the County Engineer or his delegated representative.
4. When required, due to drifting snow, motor graders may be used to open, or keep open, the paved roads and the opening of granular surfaced roads may be delayed.
5. After roads have been plowed, as provided in this section, intersections, hills, and curves may have placed upon them, salt, sand, or other abrasives. These intersections, hills, and curves may not be resanded, resalted, or have other abrasives replaced on them between snowstorms. This sequence of service shall

not normally be performed between the hours of 4:00 P.M. and 4:30 A.M. of any day.

6. It is not the policy of Jasper County to provide a "dry" pavement condition.

UNPAVED ROADS:

1. The initial effort will be to open, to one lane traffic, at least one direction of ingress and egress for each inhabited residence on Jasper County's granular surfaced roads. The roads or portions of roads involved may vary from storm to storm, due to differing characteristics of different storms.
2. After providing all inhabited residences with at least one ingress and egress, these same routes will be widened to two lane travel in preparation for the next snowstorm.
3. Following the opening and widening efforts stipulated above, the remaining unopened granular surfaced roads will be opened to one lane travel.
4. The final step in the sequence of service for unpaved roads will be to widen, to two lane travel, all granular surfaced roads not previously widened.
5. Snow will not be removed from roads designated as Level "B" roads.
6. The motor graders may be called off the road if snow and blowing reduces visibility to hazardous working conditions, in the professional judgment of the County Engineer or his delegated representative.
7. No motor grader snow removal operations will be undertaken on holidays, Saturdays, or Sundays, when the snowfall totals 3 inches, or less, unless drifting snow and blockages of the roads occurs.

PRIVATE DRIVES:

Jasper County will not clear snow from private drives, except for emergencies as defined in Section 5. Normal snow removal operations will result in snow being deposited in private driveways. This deposited snow shall be the responsibility of the resident to remove from the driveway. Snow from private drives shall not be placed on the roadway or shoulders. The resident shall be responsible for the removal of any snow left on the roadway surface or road shoulders due to the clearing of his driveway.

MAILBOXES AND MAILBOX PULLOUTS:

Jasper County will not replace any mailboxes damaged during snow removal operations. Pullout areas for rural mail delivery will be cleared during cleanup operations along the shoulders of the roads, but will not be addressed during the initial opening and widening operations.

TIME LIMIT:

There is no time limit after a snowstorm in which any of the above sequence of clearance, on paved or unpaved roads, shall take place.

SECTION 4--LIMITATION ON SERVICE

The policy and level of service provided for in this Ordinance shall not include, and the following services shall not be performed:

1. Sanding, salting, or placing of other abrasives upon the roadways or bridges that are slick, slippery, and dangerous due to the formation of frost.
2. Sanding, salting, or placing other abrasives upon paved roadways due to freezing rain that occurs between 4:00 P.M. and 4:30 A.M.
3. Placing of additional warning or regulatory signs warning of

impaired sight distances, visibility at intersections, road blockages, one lane conditions, or that the road surface is slick or slippery, or what the advised speed should be.

SECTION 5--EMERGENCY

The sequence of service may be suspended during "Emergency" conditions. An "Emergency" condition shall be considered as one where a loss of life is probable, where a serious injury has occurred, or where extensive loss of property is imminent. These conditions should be verified through a physician's or sheriff's office. Jasper County will respond to all "Emergency" conditions, either during or after a snowstorm.

The provisions of this Ordinance shall be further suspended in the event the Governor, by proclamation, implements the State disaster plan, or the Chairman of the Jasper County Board of Supervisors, by proclamation, implements the Jasper County disaster plan. If such occurs, Jasper County personnel and equipment shall be immediately subject to the direction of the Governor or the Chairman of the Jasper County Board of Supervisors.

SECTION 6--SEVERABILITY CLAUSE

Should any section, clause, sentence or provision of this Ordinance be declared, by the courts, invalid for any reason, such declaration shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance as a whole or any part thereof, other than the section, clause, sentence or provision so declared to be invalid.

Passed and approved this 17th day of September, 1985.



Jeanne Bridenstine

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Chairperson
Jasper County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Linda Gifford

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Jasper County Auditor