

WHEREAS House File 2487, Section 10(2), Acts of the 70th G.A., Second Session and pursuant to the provisions of Section 309.67, Code of Iowa provides for the establishment of a policy and level of service in respect to clearance of snow or ice and maintenance of the county secondary roads during the winter months, and

WHEREAS the Clayton County Board of Supervisors desire to establish a policy and level of service in respect to clearance of snow or ice and maintenance on the county secondary roads during the winter months,

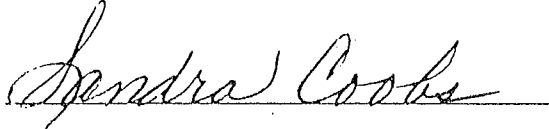
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Clayton County Board of Supervisors that the following policy and level of service in respect to clearance of snow or ice and maintenance of the county secondary roads be adopted and in effect as of this date, and shall remain in effect until such time as it is amended, repealed, or replaced by County Ordinance.

Approved this 7th day of December, 1988.



Gerald Palas, Chairman
Clayton County Board of Supervisors

Attest



Sandra Coobs
Deputy County Auditor

Title: Clayton County policy and level of service in respect to clearance of snow or ice and maintenance of this county's secondary roads during the winter months.

Be it Enacted by the Board of Supervisors of Clayton County, Iowa:

SECTION 1. Purpose. The purpose of this resolution is to establish this County's policy and level of service in respect to clearance of snow or ice and maintenance of its secondary road system during the winter months, as provided in HF 2487, Section 10(2), Acts. of the 70th 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 this County's secondary road budget as submitted to and approved by the Iowa Department of Transportation and adopted by the Board of Supervisors.

SECTION 2. Level of Service. Clearance of snow or ice and maintenance of the secondary road system during the winter months is primarily for the benefit of the local residents of this County. Each storm has individual characteristics and must be dealt with accordingly. The portion of the roadway improved for travel will have upon it snow and ice in a compacted condition. These conditions may be continuous, or they may be more concentrated on hills, in valleys, curves, and/or intersections. The County's existing snow removal equipment will be utilized for this purpose. All clearance of snow or ice, sanding, salting and other maintenance respecting winter conditions shall be accomplished within the amount of money budgeted for this service. The entire width of that portion of the 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 improved for travel shall be placed on or in the adjacent shoulder, ditch or right-of-way. Snow can be expected to accumulate adjacent to the traveled 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 its 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. The County shall not be responsible for snow pushed or otherwise placed on the roadway or shoulder 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 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 should be exercised by the motorist, and their speed should not exceed 10 miles per hour. During these conditions, no additional warning or regulatory signs will be placed that warn 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 3. Sequence of Service. In the implementation of snow or ice removal and other maintenance of the 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 Resolution, and shall determine when drifting, 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 gravel and dirt roads. The County Engineer's or his delegated representative's professional judgement shall prevail unless it is clearly erroneous.

A. Paved Routes.

- (1) The intital effort will be to get all routes open to one-lane traffic as soon as possible.
- (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 3:30 P.M. and 7:00 A.M. The trucks may be called off the road if snow and/or blowing snow reduces visibility to hazardous working conditions, in the professional judgement of the engineer or his delegated representative.
- (4) When required, due to drifting snow, motor graders may be used to keep the paved roads open and the opening of gravel roads may be delayed.
- (5) It is not the policy of the county to provide "dry" pavement condition.
- (6) After roads have been plowed as provided in this section, intersections, hills and curves may have placed on them salt, sand or other abrasive. These intersections, hills and curves will not be resanded resalted or have other abrasives replaced on them between snowstorms unless in the County Engineer's or his delegated representative's professional judgement the conditions are so hazardous that it is necessary to resand, resalt or apply additional abrasives in some areas. This sequence of service shall be performed normally only between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 3:30 P.M. each day, exclusive of Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays observed by County employees.

B. Unpaved Roads.

- (1) The intial effort will be to get all routes opened to one-lane traffic as soon as possible after a storm has passed.
- (2) After one-lane travel is possible, subsequent snow removal will be carried on during normal working hours.
- (3) Motor graders and/or truck plows will not normally be in operation between the hours of 3:30 P.M. and 7:00 A.M. Gravel roads may not be plowed if the wind is causing continual drifting.
- (4) Snow may not be removed from roads designated at Level B.
- (5) After roads have been plowed as provided in this section, intersections, hills and curves may have placed upon them sand or abrasives other than salt. These intersections, hills and curves will not have any abrasives replaced on them between snowstorms unless in the County Engineer's or his delegated representative's professional judgement the conditions are so hazardous that it is necessary to resand or apply additional abrasives in some areas. This sequence of service shall be performed only during normal working hours of each day, exclusive of Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays observed by County employees. Due to the limitations of time, equipment and money budgeted for the clearance of snow or ice and maintenance of the county road system, many roadways, hills, curves and intersections may not have any abrasives placed upon them. Motorists shall drive their vehicles during these conditions with additional caution and watchfulness and shall reduce their speed as road conditions dictate.

C. Private Drives.

The County will not clear snow from private drives. Normal county snow removal operations may result in snow being deposited in private drives. Snow from private drives shall not be placed on the roadway or shoulders.

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 of Service. The policy and level of service provided for in this Resolution shall not include the performance of the following services:

- A. Sanding, salting or placing of other abrasives upon the roadways that are slick, slippery and dangerous due to the formation of frost.
- B. Sanding, salting or placing other abrasives upon paved roadways due to freezing precipitation that occurs outside the county's usual working hours. Such activities will be done during the county's usual working hours following such freezing precipitation.
- C. 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 Conditions.

- A. The sequence of service may be suspended during "Emergency" conditions. An "Emergency" condition shall be considered as: "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. The County will respond to all "emergency" conditions, either during or after a snowstorm.
- B. The provisions of the Resolution shall be further suspended in the event the Governor, by proclamation, implements the State disaster plan, or the Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors, by proclamation, implements the County disaster plan. If such occurs, the County personnel and equipment shall be immediately subject to the direction of the Governor or the Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors.

SECTION 6. Repealer. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this Resolution are hereby repealed.

SECTION 7. Severability Clause. If any section, provision, or part of this Resolution shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the Resolution as a whole or any section, provision or part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 8. When Effective This Resolution shall be in effect after its approval.

Authorization for Call Out of
County Equipment for Emergency Situations
During Non-Working Hours

Emergency Situation: to allow emergency response where imminent loss of life or property (ie fire) or traveled roadway partially blocked by vehicle(s). Not to just remove vehicle from non-traveled portion of roadway or ditch or to treat slippery roads so wrecker service may move vehicle(s).

1. Road blocked by snow.
2. Need for sand on roadway

Authorized to contact operator of county equipment directly by:

1. Fire chief/office in charge
2. EMT/1st Responder

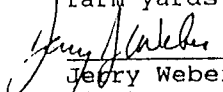
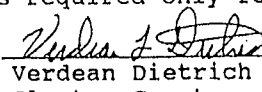
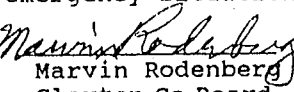
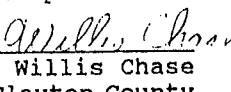
Remember that waiting for county equipment generally will require at least 10-15 minutes before employee would arrive at shop to begin work. EMT/1st Responder and Fire chief may want to check road conditions before requesting aid from county. The county truck etc will have the same problem(s) that the emergency responders have so results will not be immediate.

The prudent use of this policy is authorized as needed but not just to sand slippery roads or to allow moving of vehicle(s) in ditch or that are stuck unless blocking part of traveled roadway.

When County personnel are called out the person who issues the call out shall:

1. Advise Sheriff's office of same
2. Sheriff's office shall log in and out County employee and advise County Engineer or Foreman of same.
3. Person calling County employee shall be required within 48 hours to send the County Engineer a written report listing
 - a) Reason for calling County employee out
 - b) Reason this call out needed for prevention of imminent loss of life or property and results of call out.
4. County employees are authorized to plow/sand driveways and

farm yards as required only for emergency situation responses.

 Jerry Weber Clayton Co Engineer	 Verdean Dietrich Clayton County Sheriff	 Marvin Rodenberg Clayton Co Board of Supervisors	 Willis Chase Clayton County Fire Assoc.
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