

CHAPTER 30
AREA SERVICE ROAD CLASSIFICATION

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30.01 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.

30.02 DEFINITIONS. For purposes of this chapter, the following terms are defined.

1. "Area Service System" means those 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 truck, 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.

30.03 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.

30.04 AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH. The Board of Supervisors 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 on 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.

30.05 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 termini of the Area Service System B Road as set out in the resolution by the Board, and shall state that all persons interested may appear and be heard at such hearing.

30.06 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 to due publication and posting of the notice of hearing, the Board shall consider any and all relevant evidence and if the Board finds the proposed Area Service System B Road is practicable, it may establish it by proper resolution.

30.07 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 limitation. 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 Removal. Snow may not be removed.
3. Signing. Except for stop signs and load limit posting for bridges, signing will not be continued or provided.†
4. Weeds and Brush. Mowing or spraying weeds and cutting brush may not be performed.
5. Structures. Bridges and culverts may not be maintained to carry legal loads. Upon failure or loss, the replacement structures will be appropriate for the traffic thereon.

30.08 EXEMPTION FROM LIABILITY. The County, 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 30.07. † EDITOR'S NOTE: All Area Service System B Roads will be identified with a sign at all points of access to warn the public of the lower level of maintenance.