

CHAPTER 12

ROAD CLASSIFICATION (SERVICE SYSTEM B)

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SEC. 12-1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this chapter is to classify certain roads on the area service system in Scott County to provide for a reduced level of maintenance consistent with their usage.

SEC. 12-2. DEFINITIONS

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

A. AREA SERVICE SYSTEM: includes those public roads outside of municipalities not otherwise classified.

(1) AREA SERVICE A: roads shall be maintained in conformance with applicable state statutes.

(2) AREA SERVICE B: roads shall NOT require the normal maintenance standards applicable to trunk, trunk collectors or area service system A roads. "Area Service System B" roads shall not mean what is construed in the normal sense driveways or private lanes to farm buildings or dwellings unless they are designated public roads on the county system as adopted by the Board.

B. BOARD: shall mean the Board of Supervisors of Scott County.

C. ENGINEER: shall mean the County Engineer of Scott County.

SEC. 12-3. POWERS OF THE BOARD

All final jurisdiction and control over area service system B roads as provided by this chapter and applicable state statutes shall rest with the Board.

SEC. 12-4. AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH

The Board is empowered under authority of Chapter 309 of the 1989 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 system in Scott County after consultation with the County Engineer.

SEC. 12-5. NOTICE OF HEARING

The Board shall fix a time and place for a public hearing and cause notice to be published as provided by law. The notice shall set forth the location and the termini of the area service system B roads as set out in the resolution of the Board, and shall state that all persons interested may appear and be heard at such hearing.

SEC. 12-6. HEARING - AREA SERVICE SYSTEM B ROADS ESTABLISHED BY RESOLUTION

On the day fixed for the hearing or any day to which the hearing has been adjourned, upon proof of its satisfaction made by 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 the proposed area service system B road system is practicable it may establish it by proper resolution.

SEC. 12-7. MAINTENANCE POLICY

Minimum effort, expense and attention will be provided to keep the area service B roads open to traffic consistent with the required usage of the individual road. Additional services required by the abutting property owners may be requested by the owner and may be performed as judged necessary by the County Engineer operating under Board policies for the required usage. Bridges may not be maintained to carry legal loads but will be posted as appropriate to advise any load limitations. The various maintenance activities performed on the area service level B road system will be as follows:

1. Blading. Blading or dragging will be in accordance with actual required road usage but will not be done on a regular basis.
2. Snow and ice removal. Snow and ice removal will only be provided to open the road to residential dwellings and this will be the county's lowest priority type snow plowing operation. Neither salt nor abrasives will be utilized. Any other snow plowing may be done on a special request basis as judged necessary by the County Engineer operating under Board policies.
3. Signing. Signing will be continued only for load limit

posting for bridges and stop signs where necessary. Maintenance and replacement of existing signs will be discontinued except that all area service level 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 of weeds or brush, cutting of brush, tree removal, tree trimming and any type of roadside vegetation control will not be performed. Clear vision areas and sight distances will not be maintained at intersecting roads and driveways.
5. Structures and drainage. Bridges and culverts may not be maintained to carry legal loads. Upon failure or loss of a bridge or culvert, the structure, if determined necessary, will be replaced with a structure appropriate for the traffic thereon. Adequate drainage across the roadway will be provided in accordance with state drainage law. Roadside ditches will not be maintained or cleaned out.
6. Road surfacing. Surface materials (rock) will be placed only on as-needed basis consistent with the usage thereof and not on a regular basis. No surface material will be placed on dirt roads.
7. Shoulders and roadsides. Shoulders and roadsides will not be maintained.
8. Crown. A specific crown will not be maintained.
9. Other repairs. Any other road repairs or maintenance will be done only on an as-needed basis consistent with the usage and will not be done on a regular basis.
10. Uniform width. A uniform width for the traveled portion of the road will not be maintained.
11. Inspections. Regular inspections and filed checks will not be conducted.