

CHICKASAW COUNTY SNOW REMOVAL POLICY

Resolution #02-22-22-16

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Chickasaw County is required by Section 309.67 of the Code of Iowa to establish policies for the maintenance of the County roads; and

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest that such policies be a matter for record and be made known to the public;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the following constitutes this county's policy and level of service for snow and ice removal and the placing of sand, salt, or other abrasive material on the county's highways, roads, and streets.

1. **Level of Service.** The removal and/or control of snow and ice on the secondary road system primarily is for the benefit of the residents of Chickasaw County. Such services are to be provided within the specified budgetary resources of the Secondary Road Fund, using the equipment presently owned by Chickasaw County.

It is recognized that during or after the occurrence of precipitation, or similar, weather phenomena, the road surface may have upon it frost, snow, or ice in an uncompact and/or compacted condition. This condition may be continuous or intermittent, occurring more so on hills, valleys, curves, and/or intersections.

The entire width of the road surface may not be cleared of snow, ice, or frost. Snow cleared from the surface may be placed on the adjacent shoulder, in the adjacent ditch, or anywhere on the public right of way, accumulating to the extent that sight distances may be greatly reduced. Snow removed from intersections may be piled in their corners in piles of varying heights. The sight distances and visibilities of vehicles approaching intersections may be greatly reduced. Motorists shall operate their vehicles during these conditions with extreme caution and watchfulness, adjusting their speeds appropriately for the conditions of the road surfaces and the reduced sight distances. During these conditions, no additional regulatory warning, or speed advisory signs will be erected to warn of reduced sight distances, road blockages, one-lane road conditions, road surface conditions, or the need for reduced speeds. In locations where traffic is restricted to one lane, vehicle speeds should not exceed ten miles per hour.

2. **Sequence of Service.** The execution of this policy shall be the responsibility and duty of the County Engineer and he will use his professional judgment in determining the sequence of routes cleared. The County Engineer may remove snow and ice control equipment from the roads when weather conditions are unsuitable for operations, and may direct that additional clearance of paved routes be accomplished prior to the clearance of unpaved routes.

A. Paved Routes.

1. Truck mounted plows and spreaders will normally be used to clear paved routes between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
2. When necessary, motorgraders may be used to clear paved routes and the opening of unpaved routes may be delayed.
3. It is not the policy of this county to provide a "dry pavement" condition.

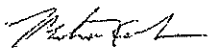
B. Unpaved Routes.

1. Motorgraders and/or truck mounted plows will normally be used to clear unpaved routes between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
2. If continual drifting occurs, plowing may be delayed until the wind subsides.
3. Sand, salt, or other abrasives will normally not be applied to unpaved routes.
4. Roads without residences may not be opened.

5. Roads with residences may not be opened in their entirety, but only up to the residence access, from one direction.
- C. Private Entrances, Drives, and Mailboxes.
 1. The county will not clear private entrances or drives except in the case of emergencies.
 2. Snow from private entrances or drives shall not be deposited on the road surface or shoulders.
 3. Accessibility to mailboxes shall be the responsibility of their owners.
3. **Limitation of Service.** The policy and level of service provided for in this resolution specifically omits these services:
 - A. Placing sand, salt, or other abrasives upon frost covered road surfaces or bridge decks.
 - B. Placing sand, salt, or other abrasive upon any road surface that is intermittently slippery due to alternation freezing and thawing conditions.
 - C. Placing sand, salt, or other abrasives upon any road surface at times other than the county's normal working hours.
 - D. Placing additional regulatory, warning, or speed advisory signs to warn of reduced sight distances, road blockages, one-lane conditions, bad surface conditions, or the need for reduced speeds.
4. **Emergency Conditions.** The policy, level of service, and sequence of service provided for by this resolution may be suspended during "emergency" conditions. For the purposes of this section, an "emergency" condition exists when there has been serious injury or there is an imminent danger of loss of life or extensive property damage. "Emergency" conditions should be verified and coordinated with the County Sheriff. The county will respond to all "emergency" conditions. County employees and equipment may operate beyond the county road system in these instances.
5. **Policy.** This written policy supersedes all previously written documents or unwritten policies of Chickasaw County on snow removal.


Passed and approved this 22nd day of February, 2022

CHICKASAW COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



Chairperson

ATTEST:



Chickasaw County Auditor