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7.70.010 PURPOSE. The purpose of this ordinance is to establish restrictions on the use of certain secondary roads by trucks and commercial vehicles to eliminate hazards to persons using the roads and to protect the roadways from damage and deterioration. This ordinance is adopted pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code §321.236(8) and §321.473.

7.70.020 RESTRICTIONS. No Commercial Vehicle with a Gross Vehicle Weight Rating greater than 26,001 pounds in any combination may be operated or towed at any time on the roads or sections of roads described in Section 7.70.060 of this ordinance. For purposes of this ordinance, “combination” shall be defined as provided in Iowa Code §321.1(9).

7.70.030 EXEMPTIONS. The restrictions of this ordinance shall not apply to the following vehicles:

1. State, county, and city vehicles.
2. Implements of husbandry as defined in Iowa Code §321.1(32).
3. Implements of husbandry loaded on hauling units for transporting the implements to locations for repair.
4. Vehicles moving farm produce, fuel, feed, household waste, well drillers, wastewater (septic pumpers).
5. Vehicles moving construction materials to a farm or home on a restricted road.
6. Fire or emergency medical apparatus owned by, under lease to, or used in the performance of a contract with a state or local authority.
7. Vehicles authorized to use the road under a current permit issued by the County Engineer.
8. Any Commercial Vehicle, with a destination point on the road, shall not enter designated routes except at the point on the road nearest to its destination and then proceed directly to such destination.

7.70.040 PERMITS AND FEES. Those vehicles that are restricted and not on the exempted list in Section 7.70.030 may apply for a temporary exemption:

1. Upon written application, the County Engineer may issue temporary permits to vehicles which are shown to be needed to provide a transportation service to a destination on the restricted road which cannot be provided by a vehicle which complies with this ordinance.
2. A fee of \$25 will be charged for a single use permit.

7.70.050 SIGNS. The County Engineer shall mark designated routes with signs each end of the roadway or sections of roads subject to restrictions under this ordinance with “WEIGHT LIMIT 13 TONS” (R12-1).

7.70.060 RESTRICTED ROADS SET BY RESOLUTION. Any restrictions not specifically set forth in this Chapter shall be set and amended by resolution by the Board of Supervisors. The restrictions shall apply to the following routes:

1. Berryhill Road
2. Lime Kiln Road
3. Longview Loop
4. Meadowview Parkway
5. State Orchard Road
6. Sunnydale Road

7.70.070 PENALTY. Any person who operates or tows any vehicle upon any restricted and marked road in violation of this ordinance shall be subject to a fine of \$400.

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