

ROAD POLICY DECLARATION

MERCER COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA

WHEREAS, Mercer County has rural non-agricultural development including residential subdivisions; small acreage non-farm residential parcels; commercial development; industrial development; and WHEREAS, the cost incurred by the county to provide road services to rural non-agricultural development including construction, maintenance, gravel, and snow removal; exceeds tax revenues generated from taxes allocated to roads; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of Mercer County Board of Commissioners that rural non-agricultural development pay their fair share of rural road maintenance to minimize subsidization from other revenues; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE Board of Mercer County Commissioners adopt a rural non-agricultural road policy in Mercer County, North Dakota, as follows:

1. Road maintenance including snow removal places top priority on major collector roads, which are roads that lead into a city; followed by minor collector roads, which are roads that lead into major collector roads; followed by rural collector roads; followed by other rural roads. A copy of a county map identifying these roads is attached as Addendum "A".
2. Emergency road maintenance will only be for medical emergencies, fire response, and other life threatening situations. School busing, mail service, fuel needs, and other services are declared to be outside of life threatening emergencies. Road maintenance and snow removal services that are not life threatening emergencies will be billed to the party making the request according to the county fee schedule.
3. The cost of road construction needed for rural development including commercial, industrial, and residential used are to be the responsibility of the applicable company, individual, or developer.
4. Residents of Mercer County may have their private road bladed twice per year upon their request if time is available by the county road department. This does not include snow removal.
5. Mercer County has no obligation to open new roads or upgrade and maintain section lines for the public travel.
6. The County Road Policy should be a standard for future decisions regarding zoning matters, road maintenance and snow removal.

Dated at Stanton, North Dakota, this 1st day of September, 2010.

MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

  
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