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Road Use Haul Agreement Policy

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Cancel: Policy 369 Industrial Haul
Policy 376-2 Road Ban – Hauling Permits
Policy 396 Industrial Haul – Agreement
Policy 397 Industrial Haul – Log Haul Route
Policy 397-1 Sludge Haul Route Request Agreement
Policy 378-9 -??
Policy 399-1 Waste Water Hauling

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CAO Signature: 

Purpose: The purpose of this Policy is to define Council’s expectations for road users and County staff utilizing heavy trucks on County Roads. This policy will address Agricultural, Commercial, Industrial and Oilfield road use.

The road infrastructure in the County is intended for public use. We recognize that agriculture services, business and commerce rely upon the County’s road infrastructure for their livelihood, however, there are times when the demands placed upon the roads by truck traffic often exceeds the capacity of the road, resulting in damage to the infrastructure and creating safety hazards and/or major maintenance/repair costs.

The goal of this policy is to preserve the road infrastructure by reducing road damage with the intention of:

- Providing an appropriate level of service that meets the needs of all road users while preserving efficiency and current budgetary levels.
- Minimizing publicly funded maintenance costs.
- Protecting the safety of all road users.

Guidelines:

1. Agreements can be in effect for a period of up to one (1) year. Renewals, if required, must be processed prior to the date of termination.
2. All Road Haul Agreements shall be in a manner acceptable to the Public Works Department.
3. That a “Road Security Deposit” must be provided by each applicant, contractor, etc. hauling on County roads and an Agreement be entered into prior to commencement of operations.
4. That each haul route request and security deposit requirement shall be reviewed and established by the General Manager of Infrastructure & Planning, or designate, based upon the type of haul, roads being utilized, frequency, type of equipment and seasonal considerations. (Local operators who own property within the County may make special arrangements with the General Manager of Infrastructure & Planning for the ‘Road Security Deposit’).
5. That the Public Works Department shall be responsible for the obtaining of haul route approvals, security deposit requirements and agreements in connection with all haul route requests.
6. That waiver of a road damage deposit for Industrial Hauling during the period December 1st to February 15th be approved, however normal application procedures are still required (with same to be advertised).
7. Should the County receive a complaint of a frequent or heavy haul, the allegations will be investigated. If it is determined that the responsible party does not have a Road Use Agreement and/or are not following all terms of the agreement and/or have a valid Road Use Permit, the Operator, will be required to stop hauling until an agreement or permit is obtained, signed off and all non-conformances rectified. This clause may apply to Agricultural operations at the determination of the Public Works Department. All enforceable means will be conducted.
8. If a road user causes damage to roads that is beyond what is normally expected, the General Manager of Infrastructure & Planning or their designate will prepare a damage estimate and will contact the individual or business to discuss the damage to the road and the associated costs to

repair the damage. The road user will be invoiced for the actual repair costs plus overhead mark up.

Road Bans:

9. The Public Works Department utilizes road bans to protect the County's infrastructure. During a road ban, no person shall operate on a County road a vehicle or vehicle cargo which exceeds the maximum percentage axle weight allowance for the carrying axels of the vehicle without obtaining permission from the Public Works Department.
10. The Public Works Department has authority, in the event of an Emergency, to allow users to haul on County Roads.
11. Administration is authorized to issue discretionary permits for vehicles traveling over the allowable weight while restrictions are in place and that these permits be issued for selective roads, thus protecting the County Road System.

Dust Control Measures:

12. The Public Works Department may also require that Agricultural, Commercial, Industrial and Oilfield traffic apply dust control to roads being utilized. When damp conditions exist, or in remote locations where dust does not impact residents or safety, this requirement may be waived. However, approval will be required by the General Manager of Infrastructure and Planning or designate.