

## **Ordinance 52**

*Title:* An ordinance establishing the Area Service “C” Road Classification in Union County, Iowa.

**Section 1. PURPOSE** The purpose of this ordinance is to classify certain roads on the area service system in the county as Area Service “C” roads so as to provide for a reduced level of maintenance effort and restricted access, pursuant to Iowa Code Section 309.57

**Section 2. DEFINITIONS** For sue in this ordinance, certain terms or words used herein shall be defined as follows:

- A. Board: shall mean the Board of Supervisors of Union County.
- B. County: shall mean Union County
- C. County Engineer: shall mean the County Engineer of Union County.

### **Section 3. HOW ESTABLISHED**

- A. RESOLUTION: Roads may only be classified as Area Service “C” by resolution of the Board. The resolution shall specify the level maintenance effort and the person who will have access rights to the road. The resolution shall only allow access to the road owner, lessees or person in lawful possession of any adjoining land or the agent or employee of the owner lessees, or person in lawful possession, to the agent or employee of any public utility, or to any peace office, magistrate, or public employee whose duty it is to supervise the sue or perform maintenance of the road.
- B. NOTICE OF ACTION: Before the Board may take action on a petition to establish an Area Service “C” road and the time and place of the meeting at which the Board proposes to take action on the petition, shall be published as provided in Iowa Code Section 331.305.
- C. BOARD ACTION: At the meeting, the Board shall receive oral or written objections from any resident or property owner of the county. After all objections have been received and considered, the Board, at that meeting or a date to which it is adjourned, may take action on the petition after consultation with the County Engineer.

**Section 4. ACCESS** Access to any Area Service “C” road shall be restricted by means of a gate or other barrier, as determined by the County Engineer. The gate shall be purchased and installed by the County and maintained by the adjoining landowners. If not maintained, the county may remove the gate.

**Section 5. SIGNS** Area Service “C” roads shall have signs conforming to the Iowa State Sign Manual installed and maintained by the County at all access points to Area Service “C” roads from other public roads; to warn the public they are entering a section of road which has a lesser level of maintenance effort than other public roads, and to warn the public that access is limited.

**Section 6. TRESPASS** Entering an Area Service “C” road without justification after being notified or requested to abstain from entering or to remove or vacate the road by any person

lawfully allowed access shall be a trespass as defined in Section 716.7 of Code of Iowa (1995).

**Section 7. RECLASSIFICATION** A road with an Area Service “C” classification shall retain the classification until such time as a petition for reclassification is submitted to the Board. The petition shall be signed by one or more adjoining landowners. The Board shall approve or deny the request for reclassification within 60 days of receipt of the petition,

**Section 8. POWERS OF THE BOARD** All jurisdiction and control over Area Service “C” roads shall rest with the Board, pursuant to the Iowa Code Section 309.57

**Section 9. EXEMPTION FROM LIABILITY** As provided in Iowa Code Section 309.57 (1995), the county and officers, agents and employees of the County are not liable for injury to any person or for damage to any vehicle or equipment which occurs proximately as a result of the maintenance of a road which is classified as Area Service “C”, if the road has been maintained to level maintenance effort described in the establishing resolution.

**Section 10. REPEALER** All ordinance or parts of ordinance in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

**Section 11. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE** If any section, provision, or part of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any section, provision or part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

**SECTION 12. WHEN EFFECTIVE** The ordinance shall be in effect after its final passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

Passed/Readopted on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2026.