

## **Title 12**

### **ROADS**

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RCW 36.32.120(2): General powers of Commissioners regarding roads.

Chapters 36.75 – 36.88 RCW: Roads and bridges.

Chapter 16.15 CCC: Road construction standards.



## Chapter 12.15

### ROAD CLOSURES – WEIGHT AND SPEED RESTRICTIONS

#### Sections:

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#### Cross-references:

RCW 46.44.080: Local regulation of loads.  
Chapter 47.48 RCW: Closing highways and restricting traffic.

#### **12.15.010 Authorization under Chapter 47.48 RCW – Purpose.**

RCW 47.48.010 provides authorization by the Board of County Commissioners to close any county road whenever the condition of any county road, either newly or previously constructed, altered, repaired or improved, or any part thereof is such that for any reason its use or continued use by vehicles or by any class of vehicles will greatly damage such county road or will be dangerous to traffic thereon or the same is being constructed, altered, repaired, improved or maintained in such a manner as to require that such county road or any portion thereof be closed to travel by all vehicles or by any class of vehicles for any period of time. It appears to be in the best interests of public safety that a policy be established whereby the County Engineer shall have the authority to handle all county road closures in accordance with Chapter 47.48 RCW. [Res. 3068, preamble, 5-8-73.]

#### **12.15.020 Engineer authorized to close roads.**

The County Engineer is hereby authorized and directed to handle and follow procedures for all county road closures deemed to be necessary according to Chapter 47.48 RCW, and to notify this Board, on or before its next regular meeting day, of any such action taken on behalf of Cowlitz County. [Res. 3068, 5-8-73.]

#### **12.15.030 Authorization under RCW 46.44.080.**

In accordance with the provisions of RCW 46.44.080 as amended, the Board of County Com-

missioners of Cowlitz County, Washington, may prohibit or restrict the operation of motor trucks or other vehicles on county roads under certain conditions whenever the roads will be damaged or destroyed. The Board deems it in the interest of expediting the road program to delegate to the Cowlitz County Engineer certain authorities concerning the regulation, restriction or prohibition of motor trucks or other vehicles under such conditions. [Res. 3346, preamble, 11-27-73.]

#### **12.15.040 Weight and speed restrictions – Engineer’s duties – Permits.**

By direction, the Cowlitz County Engineer, when he deems it appropriate, shall prohibit or restrict as to weight and speed the operation of vehicles upon county roads exposed to serious damage by reason of rain, snow, climatic or other conditions and may in the event of such prohibitions or restrictions issue special permits for the operation of school buses and motor trucks transporting perishable commodities or commodities for the health and welfare of local residents. The County Engineer, when issuing such special permits, shall specify weight and speed restrictions as may be necessary to protect the road from damage. [Res. 3346, 11-27-73.]

#### **12.15.050 Special permits for closed or restricted roads.**

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby adopt the following rule concerning the issue of special permits in the event of road closures as a rule of the Board:

Special permits for closed or restricted roads – Permits may be issued by the County Engineer to allow the operation of school buses and motor trucks transporting perishable commodities or commodities necessary for the health and welfare of local residents on such county roads as may be closed or restricted in accordance with RCW 46.44.080, subject to specific weight and speed restrictions as may be deemed necessary by the County Engineer to protect county roads from undue damage. [Res. 3346, 11-27-73.]

**Chapter 12.25**

**ROAD WORK FOR OTHER AGENCIES**

Sections:

- 12.25.010 Primary responsibility of Road Department.
- 12.25.020 Work for other public agencies – No work if private contractor available.
- 12.25.030 Work request procedure.

Cross-references:

Chapter 136-32 WAC: Work for other agencies.

Engineer will make arrangements with the requesting agency for the performance of the work and shall maintain records of all agreements and keep a complete fiscal record of all work the same as prescribed for normal Road Department activity. [Res. 2135, § 4, 10-6-70.]

**12.25.010 Primary responsibility of Road Department.**

The primary responsibility of the County Road Department shall be to maintain Cowlitz County roads in good condition and safe for public travel and continuously pursue a program of improving and upgrading the roads which are substandard for the function that they perform. [Res. 2135, § 1, 10-6-70.]

**12.25.020 Work for other public agencies – No work if private contractor available.**

Cowlitz County desires to cooperate with other municipal agencies to provide economical services to the general public and to avoid duplication of equipment requirements, inventories, overhead or other resources. The county will perform reimbursable work for other public agencies and other county departments where it does not interfere with the primary purpose of the Road Department.

The county will not provide service or work for other outside agencies where private contractors are available at reasonable cost. [Res. 2135, §§ 2, 3, 10-6-70.]

**12.25.030 Work request procedure.**

Whenever a public agency or county department desires reimbursable work by the County Road Department, it shall submit a signed copy of the reimbursable work request, as attached to the resolution codified in this chapter, to the Board of County Commissioners via the County Engineer. The County Engineer shall make recommendations concerning the advisability of performing the requested work. The Board may approve reimbursable work requests if they meet the above criteria and do not interfere with the primary work of the Road Department. After the work request has been approved by the Board, the requesting agency and the County Engineer will be notified. The County

**Chapter 12.35****PRIMITIVE ROADS**

Sections:

12.35.010 Established.

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A. The Board of County Commissioners of Cowlitz County finds that the roads, or portions of roads, listed below, meet the statutory criteria for primitive roads and are designated as such:

| <b>Road Name</b>                       | <b>Geographical Location</b> | <b>Approximate Start Location (SEC TWP RGE)</b> | <b>State Route Number</b> | <b>Milepost (start-end)</b> |
|--|------------------------------|---|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Bunker Hill Place                      | Off Bunker Hill Road         | 11-8N-4W  | 21200                     | 0.00-0.29                   |
| Cameron Creek Road                     | Off SR-4                     | 10-8N-4W  | 20850                     | 0.33-1.31                   |
| Canal Road                             | Off Sightly Road             | 6-9N-1E   | 58960                     | 0.87-1.26                   |
| Cook Ferry Road                        | Off SR-411                   | 23-9N-2W  | 23810                     | 0.69-1.29                   |
| Fredrickson Road                       | Off SR-503                   | 31-6N-2E  | 38130                     | 0.83-1.22                   |
| Gobar Road                             | Off Kalama River Road        | 36-7N-1E  | 41280                     | 0.00-0.78                   |
| Haryu Road                             | Off Eufaula Heights Road     | 10-8N-3W  | 21890                     | 0.37-1.22                   |
| Italian Creek Road                     | Off Kalama River Road        | 32-7N-1E  | 40900                     | 2.07-3.60                   |
| Primrose Road                          | Off Mt. Pleasant Road        | 30-7N-1W  | 41740                     | 0.05-0.48                   |
| Robertson Road                         | Off Old Mill Creek Road      | 9-8N-4W   | 20720                     | 1.13-1.45                   |
| Schmitz Road                           | Off Green Mountain Road      | 25-6N-1W  | 32080                     | 0.00-0.51                   |
| Shermans Road                          | Off Germany Creek Road       | 36-9N-4W  | 21510                     | 0.14-0.31                   |
| Shirley-Gordon Road                    | Off Green Mountain Road      | 36-6N-1W  | 32030                     | 0.51-1.17                   |
| Stella Road (formerly Fall Creek Road) | Off SR-4                     | 12-8N-4W  | 21590                     | 0.00-0.50                   |
| Wiest Road                             | Off Abernathy Creek Road     | 26-9N-4W  | 21150                     | 0.05-1.02                   |
| Woolford Road                          | Off Kalama River Road        | 2-6N-1W   | 40800                     | 0.28-1.09                   |

B. The County Engineer is directed to mark these roads as primitive roads in the manner specified in RCW 36.75.300. [Res. 98-080, 5-26-98.]

