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## **DUST CONTROL POLICY**

### **Title**

This policy applies to rock surfaced Jones County (County) Secondary Roads and outlines the programs available to property owners for the control of dust along Secondary Roads. The County allows the application of dust palliatives by property owners and tenants living adjacent to rock surfaced county roads for the temporary control of dust under the terms defined by this policy and applicable Code of Iowa sections.

### **Purpose**

The purpose of this policy is to provide for the control of fugitive dust through application of dust control palliatives to rock surfaced secondary roads under the jurisdiction of the County Secondary Road Department.

### **Procedure**

Persons desiring to apply dust control agents to roads must first obtain a permit from the County Engineer's Office. Dust control material may not be applied prior to the last Friday in May unless unusual spring conditions so warrant and the County Engineer approves an earlier application date. It has been the County Secondary Roads Policy to have "two windows" for residents to apply approved dust control products to the gravel roads adjacent to their residence. The deadline for filing for a permit for 1<sup>st</sup> application is the last Friday of April. The deadline for filing for a permit for the 2<sup>nd</sup> window is the last Friday in June. If a resident requests two applications of dust control on the permit issued in the first window they need not apply for a permit in the 2<sup>nd</sup> window.

### **Fees**

A late fee of ten dollars (\$10.00) shall be paid to the Jones County Secondary Roads Department for Application submitted after the deadline.

### **Application Date**

Jones County will try to blade the surface prior to the application of dust control during normal maintenance to make sure the road has a suitable surface. When the roads are ready, the Maintenance Superintendent gives the "go-ahead" to apply the dust control product. The goal (dependent on weather) is to get the first application on the road before Memorial Day weekend.

### **Maintenance**

Even though our maintainer operators are provided a list of users, occasionally an area is unintentionally bladed. It is the resident's responsibility to keep the flags visible. Locations where dust control has been applied tend to be susceptible to potholes and washboards. In the event that a pothole or washboard develops, within an Applicants dust control location, the patrol operator will blade or scarify this area to produce a smooth surface. The County shall not be responsible for notification, replacement or compensation to applicant for locations requiring maintenance.

### **General Requirements**

Property owners applying their own dust control shall adhere as follows:

- Width of applications must be at least twenty-two (22) feet wide;
- Applicants are required to maintain flags at the extents of their treated areas. Markers shall be three (3) feet in height with colored material attached at top of marker. Markers will not be provided by Jones County. Place markers at a location that will not affect blading or mowing operations. Any application not properly flagged is not the responsibility of the County and may be bladed through.
- The Applicant may only treat the Length as specified and only with an approved dust control type.
- Applicant shall not treat the road surface until receipt of notice from the Secondary Roads Department.

### **Application Duration**

The Application for Dust Control is valid until last day of August of the year issued.