

VAN BUREN COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

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THE VAN BUREN COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION WILL IMPLEMENT SEASONAL WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22nd AT 6:00 AM

THE ROAD COMMISSION WANTS YOU TO KNOW . . .

The Van Buren County Road Commission will implement full Seasonal Weight Restrictions beginning at 6:00 AM on Monday, February 22, 2022, for all roadways under the jurisdiction of the Van Buren County Road Commission, except for its County All-Season roadways. All-Season roadways allow up to normal maximum weight limits. Seasonal Weight Restrictions on roadways not designated as All-Season reduce the “maximum axle load” by 35% per axle. In addition, the speed on roadways not designated as All-Season are reduced to not more than 35 mph for all vehicles with a Gross Vehicle Weight Rating of 10,000 pounds, or more.

Overweight citations may be issued listing the driver as the defendant. It will be the driver’s responsibility to pay any fines incurred. These fines can be quite substantial, with some of them as much as 20 cents per pound for each overweight axle.

Special attention will be given to all trucks with droppable axles (tag axles) to ensure that the axles are in the lowered position. Any truck found with its axle in the raised position on a restricted road will be stopped and weighed. Further changes or updates may be found by accessing the Road Commission's web page, www.vbcrc.org/frostlaws.

Seasonal Permits for Public Utility and Agricultural vehicles can be obtained online through Oxcart Permit Systems, or on the Road Commission’s website. These permits are issued for normal weight limits only. **No overweight loads will be permitted during Seasonal Weight Restrictions.**

A list of All-Season unrestricted roadways, as well as a list of restricted roadways, are available by contacting the Road Commission or by accessing the Road Commission’s website (www.vbcrc.org/frostlaws).

Any additional questions should be directed to the Van Buren County Road Commission’s Permit Officer-County Weighmaster, AJ Brucks, at (269) 674-8011 x252, or via email at AJBrucks@vbcrc.org.

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