

SEASONAL ROAD RECLASSIFICATION POLICY

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“Seasonal Roads Removal Policy”

INTENT

The Road Commission is sometimes requested to reclassify a seasonal road designation.

GENERAL

The Mackinac County Road Commission has adopted a system of seasonal roads pursuant to Public Act 51 of 1991. Roads on the seasonal road system are not required to be maintained and open for public travel from November 1 through April 30.

METHOD

Prior to taking any action on such a request, the requesting party shall:

1. Submit the request in writing to the Board of County Road Commissioners.
2. Submit the request in writing to the Township Board in which the road is located and obtain Township Board approval.

Upon receipt of the written request and Township comments, the Board shall review the request and make a decision considering such factors as cost of improvements required (if any), township interest, economic and public benefit, road usage, road condition, future impact, available manpower, and equipment and funding resources.

If improvements to the road are required to adequately and safely perform winter maintenance activities, a cost estimate will be prepared and the individual or township, or both, will be required to pay for the cost of required improvements in advance.

The Board of Mackinac County Road Commissioner's has complete discretion regarding any decision or change in seasonal status.

Each case shall be decided upon by the Board on a case by case basis.

Prior to Mackinac County Road Commission deciding to remove a road from the seasonal road status, the Road Commission will hold a public hearing and adopt a resolution removing the road from seasonal road status upon completion of the necessary work required (if any).