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## 2021 NOTICE OF EMBARGOED ROADS

### TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Please be advised that every year pursuant to Section 321.471 of the Iowa Code, the Johnson County Board of Supervisors may impose weight restrictions on specific secondary road systems within Johnson County. The chip seal/oil road systems are most susceptible to damage and are likely to be subjected to embargoes. Late February through early May is a very common time for the county to post weight restrictions on county roadways and once posted the restrictions may be in effect for a period of ninety (90) days. In the past, posted roadways have been limited to any vehicle less than 8 gross tons. Please check the local media and county website for additional information regarding Board approval and weight restrictions for the 2021 embargo season.

The County Engineer may issue a special permit to individuals who demonstrate a need to move market farm produce of the type subject to rapid spoilage or loss of value, or the need to move farm feeds or fuel for home heating purposes. The issuance of a permit may allow certain vehicles exceeding the weight limit to operate on embargoed roadways. *Permits will not be issued for any other reason including transporting construction materials or equipment that exceeds the posted weight limit.* Operation of over-weight vehicles on restricted roads without a permit will be at the risk of prosecution. Using alternate routes where possible and breaking down loads into smaller units are methods encouraged to minimize damage to these roads.

Permits for qualified participants will be issued at the Johnson County Secondary Road Department at 4810 Melrose Ave., Iowa City, Iowa 52246. The following information will be needed to complete the permit, vehicle license plate number(s), driver's name(s), type of material being transported and planned route or roads you plan to travel.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated as less damage translates into better roads with lower repair costs for the taxpayers of Johnson County. For more information, please call 319-356-6046.

Sincerely,

Greg S. Parker, P.E.  
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Check our [website](http://www.johnsoncountyiowa.gov/secondaryroads) for a copy the county's embargo map along with a listing of Johnson County secondary roads subject to weight restrictions, date the road was posted and the date the embargo was lifted.

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