

TOWN OF HIGHLAND
Douglas County, Wisconsin

ROAD DESTRUCTION ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE TO REGULATE ANY PERSONS FROM OBSTRUCTION OR DAMAGING TOWN ROADS OR ROAD RIGHT OF WAYS IN THE PROCESS OF HAULING OF RAW FOREST PRODUCTS AND OVERWEIGHT EQUIPMENT.

Section I: Purpose

The purpose of this ordinance is to avoid damages and repair of roadways in the Town of Highland and provide safety to the citizens commuting on town roads.

Section II: Conditions of Issuance

All persons shall notify the Town Board prior to any logging, hauling of raw forest products and overweight equipment which may cause damage to the town roads in the Town of Highland. The logging company shall be responsible for obtaining permits for all trucks that are hauling raw forest products. All loggers shall obtain approval from the Highland Town Board for the placement of culverts or fill onto town roads.

A logger shall, unless otherwise approved by the Highland Town Board, have their landings outside of the town road right of way. All ditches and offtakes shall be kept free of all logging debris or slash.

Special permits are required for heavy hauling during the spring thaw. Special permits come with additional responsibilities outlined in the special hauling section of the hauling permit.

Section III: Violation

Anyone doing damage to any town roads and/or ditches while in the process of logging, hauling of heavy equipment, construction and/or other activities or services shall be properly notified. The town highway department will make the necessary repairs or hire the work done and all costs or related bills will be forwarded to the responsible party for collection unless otherwise agreed to.

Damaged roads will be posted closed to all permitted and other overweight hauling traffic and will remain closed until road repairs are completed. Roads damaged and closed during the spring thaw may remain closed until the thaw restrictions are lifted and repairs can be completed without further road damage.

Section IV: Validity

Should any section, clause or provision of the Ordinance be declared by the courts to be invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of the Ordinance as a whole or any part thereof, other than the part so declared invalid.

Section V: Effective Date

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effective on the 11th day of March, 2025 after proper notice and publication of this said Ordinance according to law

Amended the 11th day of March, 2025.