

# TAMA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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## **RESOLUTION 3-3-2025C**

Tama County

Dust Control Policy

WHEREAS, vehicle traffic on rock roads stirs up dust that is undesirable to many individuals, and

WHEREAS, the Tama County Board of Supervisors desires to allow certain approved vendors or individuals to apply dust control on rock roads in the county,

WHEREAS, Chapter 318 of the Code of Iowa specifies a permit issued by the appropriate jurisdiction is required before work is performed by parties other than the jurisdiction, and

WHEREAS, Tama County's responsibility to the motorist takes priority over an individual's desire to reduce dust,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tama County Board of Supervisors establish the following rules for dust control. These rules shall hereinafter be referred to as the Tama County Dust Control Policy.

### **TAMA COUNTY DUST CONTROL POLICY**

March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025

- The interest of motorists to have a well-maintained road takes priority over the interest to suppress dust.
- Chapter 318 of the Code of Iowa specifies a permit must be issued by the appropriate jurisdiction before work is performed by parties other than the jurisdiction. A permit to place dust control (obtainable from the County Engineer's Office) will be required each year. There will be no deadline to acquire the permit, but the permit will expire October 15<sup>th</sup> each year.
- The permit will state the method of dust control. Specifically allowed methods include calcium chloride, magnesium chloride, and lignosulfonates. Other methods require specific approval. Note that the use of used motor oil is specifically banned by federal regulations. Any unauthorized material placed on the road will be removed.
- Vendors wishing to apply dust control must obtain approval annually. No dust control will be allowed unless prior approval has been given. There will be a \$50 fee per

customer listed. Fees will be collected by the vendor directly and paid to Tama County. The vendor must provide a check payable to "Tama County Engineer." This check must be received by Tama County no later than September 1<sup>st</sup> of the current dust control season.

- Individuals wishing to apply their own dust control must obtain pre-approval and a \$50 permit from Tama County Engineer's Office. No dust control will be allowed unless prior approval has been given. An application to apply your own dust control may be obtained in the Engineer's office.
- All vendors and individuals applying dust control will supply Tama County with a **certificate of insurance naming Tama County as an additional insured**. The correct certificate must be provided before the permit will be approved. The required limits are as follows:

General Liability	
• Each Occurrence	\$1,000,000
• Personal & Adv Injury	\$1,000,000
Automobile Liability	
• Combined Single Limit	\$1,000,000
Umbrella Liability	
• Each Occurrence	\$1,000,000

- Dust control will not be placed prior to May 15<sup>th</sup>, unless authorized by Tama County. Soft road conditions in the spring may cause Tama County to restrict placement to a later date. Each vendor or individual will provide Tama County with their desired application date at least three (3) weeks prior to placement of dust control.
- Most dust control products are placed twice in a season. A separate permit is not required for the second application in the season, but the same three (3) weeks' notice must be provided for the second application to allow Tama County to prepare the road.
- A permit obtained by a vendor may cover all of their customers. A typed list with their customers will be supplied to Tama County. The list may be provided after the application is received, as long as it is received by 8:00am at least three (3) weeks prior to their selected first application date. The list will show:
  - Name of the individual the dust control is serving.
  - Location (township, section and E911 address).
  - Length of application.
- After the dust control list is received, there will be a two-week grace period where add-ons will be accepted for a fee. Each add-on will incur an additional \$25.00 fee to be collected by the vendor and paid to Tama County. For any add-ons, a complete list must be received by 8:00am one (1) week prior to the selected application date.
- Any additional requests received outside of the two-week grace period may be approved on a case-by-case basis only. This must be authorized by Tama County and

may be denied. Each request will incur an additional \$100.00 fee to be collected by the vendor and paid to Tama County.

- The vendor must provide a check payable to “Tama County Engineer” for any add-ons that were accepted. This check must be received by Tama County no later than September 1<sup>st</sup> of the current dust control season.
- Each dust control section shall be measured and marked by the individual or vendor. The location shall be marked with four visible flags at all corners of the dust control area. The flags shall be placed at least three (3) weeks prior to application of dust control. Flags will be supplied by the vendor or individual (vendors may place a supply of flags at the Tama County Engineer’s office or shops to aid in distribution). Flags must be left in place for the duration of the dust control to help the blade operator identify the section. Failure to keep the flags up may result in the dust control section being bladed in a way that makes it significantly less effective.
- If given proper notice, Tama County will review the sections and determine the need for blading or additional rock prior to placement of the dust control. Failure to provide ample notice may result in poor performance of the dust control section and will likely require the dust control section to be obliterated. Tama County may blade through dust control sections prior to the second application each season.
- Dust control sections must be kept free of potholes. Individuals may collect granular material from the surface of the surrounding road to place in the potholes.
- Tama County reserves the right to blade through improperly performing sections or those not maintained by the individual. Tama County will try to schedule blading of dust control sections to coincide with fresh moisture, which helps preserve the effectiveness of the product.
- Dust control sections may be bladed through starting October 15<sup>th</sup> each year. Tama County may leave well-maintained sections intact until November 1<sup>st</sup> if fall weather conditions are favorable.
- The applicant shall assume full responsibility for any and all liability resulting from dust control material placed upon the public highway.
- Tama County will place and pay for dust control in the following instances:
  - Establishment of a detour for the paved road system expected to last more than 2 weeks.
  - Improperly blading through an existing dust control section.
  - A mandate by federal or state regulation.
  - Specific roads deemed necessary by the County Engineer.
- Tama County will not pay for dust control in the following instances:
  - Detours for road work on the rock road system.

- o Blading through an existing dust control that is improperly flagged or for which proper notification was not received.
- o Blading through a section improperly placed that is creating a hazard or causing damage to traffic.
- o Blading through a section that is not properly maintained.
- o Blading through a section prior to second application or at the end of the season.

Vendors shall issue the following statement to each of their customers:

*"Tama County allows the placement of dust control on rock roads. The interest of motorists to have a well-maintained road takes priority over the interest to suppress dust. Dust control sections may be bladed through starting October 15<sup>th</sup> and may be bladed through at any time if the condition of the road impedes traffic. Preserve your dust control by keeping it properly marked and by filling potholes with rock. Tama County's Dust Control Policy can be found on the county's website."*

Roll Call Vote: Hilmer, aye. Turner, aye. Knebel, aye. Doland, aye. Kupka, aye.  
Resolution passed and adopted this 3rd day of March, 2025. Mark Doland, Chairman, Board of Supervisors. Karen Rohrs, County Auditor.

  
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Mark Doland, Chair, Board of Supervisors

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Date

Attest:   
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Karen Rohrs, Assistant Tama County Auditor

3-3-25  
Date