

VAN BUREN COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

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THE VAN BUREN COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION WILL IMPLEMENT SEASONAL WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS ON MARCH 11, 2019 AT 6:00 AM

THE ROAD COMMISSION WANTS YOU TO KNOW . . .

The Van Buren County Road Commission will implement full Seasonal Weight Restrictions beginning Monday, March 11, 2019 for all roadways under the jurisdiction of the Van Buren County Road Commission, with the exception of its State Class "A" and County Class "A" roadways. The seasonal weight restrictions reduce the **"Maximum Axle Load" by 25% per axle on concrete pavements, and by 35% per axle on all other types of roads.** MCL 257.722(8). In addition, the speed on those county roads will continue to be reduced to not more than **35 mph for all vehicles with a Gross Vehicle Weight Rating of 10,000 pounds or more.** MCL 257.627(3). A list of Class "A" unrestricted roadways, and a list of all other roadways under the restrictions, is available by contacting the Road Commission or by accessing the Road Commission's web site (www.vbcrc.org). Most Van Buren County roads have not been constructed to Class "A" standards.

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 a 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, where you will find a link to "Weighmaster and Seasonal Weight Restrictions" under the sub-title "Permits, Fees and Guidelines". If you have any further questions, you may contact the Van Buren County Road Commission's Weighmaster, Andy Abbott, at (269)674-8011, or via email at AndyAbbott@vbcrc.org.

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