



KENT COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

POLICY

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Seasonal Weight Restrictions

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In an effort to prevent damage of roadways during the exit of frost from the ground, State law mandates the institution of weight restrictions beginning March 1st each year. Individual counties have the right to post weight restrictions before March 1st if weather conditions dictate such action. Restrictions include the reduction of speeds to a maximum of 35 m.p.h. and a reduction of weights by 35 percent. The Kent County Road Commission Official Truck Operators' map that shows the roads affected by weight restrictions is available from the Kent County Road Commission Permit Department.

Businesses and individuals may bond roads under the following circumstances and according to the following guidelines:

1. With a minimum of 48 hours notice.
2. When no alternative routes are available.
3. When the movement of full, legal loads is essential during the restricted time. Milk and agricultural products, public utilities and their sub contractor vehicles, and other exemptions may be allowed by state law.
4. May be exempt or permitted per current statute.
5. If the section of the road to be bonded has not experienced substantial damage in the past.
6. In emergencies such as loss of existing utilities and services.
7. The bond will be \$10,000.00 per mile with a minimum of \$5,000.00 for 0.5 miles or less.
8. The permit fee for each contiguous segment of bonded road is \$250.00. For agricultural products only, a single move permit fee is \$50.00 (plus the bond). Each vehicle must carry a copy of the permit or other proof of authorized destination.
9. If damage to the road occurs, permit holders will be assessed charges in the amount up to the limit of the bond. Authorized personnel of the Road Commission make the determination on road damage by using a videotape to document the condition of the bonded section of the road both before and after weight restrictions have been applied. When there are multiple permit holders, damages will be assessed in proportion to each of their daily trips. Frequent inspections will be conducted in an effort to limit continuing damages, and the Road Commission reserves the right to revoke a bond to prevent further damage.
10. Weight limit signs will remain up on all bonded roads to prevent unauthorized vehicles from damaging the road.